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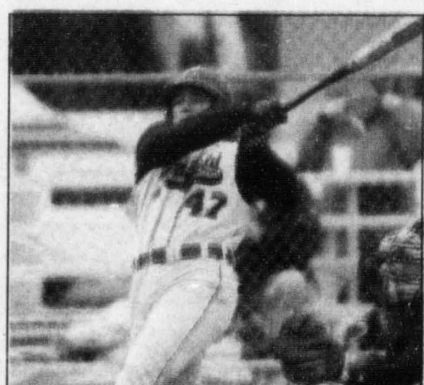
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Student Trustee search underway

By RACHEL ADAMS

Flashlight News Editor

Nikki Ruth is student teaching this semester, and will be graduating in May.

While her story is similar to the stories of hundreds of Mansfield University students, one aspect of it is not: Ruth is

the MU Student Trustee, and will need to be replaced at the end of the semester. For this very reason, the MU Council of Trustees is conducting a search for the student who has what it takes to fill Ruth's shoes.

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The MU Council of Trustees gather at Fall 2002 Commencement. Nikki Ruth is second from left in the first row.

Profile of a Student Trustee

by Lew Lee, Chair, MU Council of Trustees

- ◆ Availability of time and commitment of regular attendance at Council of Trustee meetings as well as special campus functions and events.
- ◆ Commitment to public higher education in general
- ◆ Commitment to Mansfield University and its special mission and service area.
- ◆ Absence of a specific, pre-determined agenda or issue driving his/her appointment
- ◆ Demonstrated leadership skills and critical thinking abilities
- ◆ Willingness to work in a collaborative environment and spirit
- ◆ Advocate of Mansfield University in public and private areas
- ◆ Recognition of Mansfield's student-centered environment and the importance placed thereon
- ◆ Possess strong communication skills
- ◆ Ability to be assertive and to stand up for the beliefs of the students at the university
- ◆ Awareness, understanding, and practice of confidentiality
- ◆ Able to handle media relations in appropriate ways.

Career Awareness Program initiated

By KARIN KNAUS

Special to the Flashlight

The 401K. Headhunters. Networking.

These are all words that strike fear in the hearts of college students everywhere. At Mansfield University, these words are starting to hit home for those who are preparing to seek jobs.

To help quell these fears, the University recently developed a Career Awareness Program (CAP). Deb Bastian and Karin Knaus, coordinators of the program, have been at work since November planning events and gatherings to help keep students informed of job-seeking ideas and opportunities in Pennsylvania.

"We are basically a parallel program to the Department of Education's 'Stay Invent the Future' initiative. Where that program aims at keeping graduates in Pennsylvania, we're going a step further in helping our students make connections in and around the Northern Tier," Bastian said.

The pair has already developed a series of panels for six different departments and the "Speaker and a

Slice" series, aimed at helping all students, from those who are undecided to those who know exactly where they are going, feel more informed in making career decisions.

Bastian and Knaus spent a lot of time speaking with students about their needs and desires for the office. Initial plans for the program were very well received, and the pair also got many ideas from students about possibilities for the office they hadn't thought of. The program's goals have since been amended, with the hope that the program will appeal to the entire campus.

The Career Awareness Program is presently planning to bring in alumni, professionals and other speakers to campus for special events within the Social Work, Art, Math, Languages and Literature, Nutrition, and Business and Economics departments.

"This is a chance for students to hear from professionals in a variety of careers about all kinds of things, from finding job openings and landing jobs to what the hot jobs are in their fields. At each of these sessions, the speakers will

also be available for a very informal Q&A," said Bastian.

In addition to the events within academic departments, each week CAP will be hosting pizza and conversation on topics of interest to all students. The "Speaker and a Slice" series commences Jan. 22 with a presentation on recreation opportunities in the area.

After hearing from many students that there is 'nothing to do' in Mansfield, Bastian and Knaus decided to bring in a pair of speakers who really know the area and all the things it has to offer, from cultural events to festivals. One of the speakers is an expert on the outdoors and the many hiking trails that are right in our backyard.

Other speakers in the "Speaker and a Slice" series will discuss such topics as employers' bene-

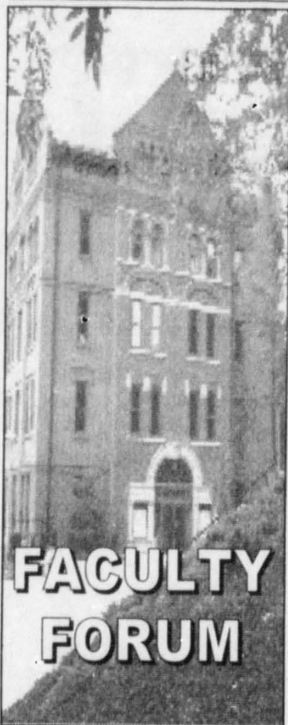


Karin Knaus (left) and Deb Bastian

fits packages, careers in politics, resume building, and how to start a business.

Both Bastian and Knaus believe they were a perfect fit to create such a program on campus. They are both natives of the area, and both left for jobs in other areas of the state before returning.

The pair has an excellent insider perspective on how important it is to connect students to the area, and they believe that perspective is the key to create the most exciting opportunities possible for the university community.



Dr. Dennis Murray, Psychology, was honored by Center for Rural PA for 15 years of service on the Center's Board of Directors. He was presented with a plaque by Board Chairman, Sheila Miller, at the November meeting in Harrisburg.

Hugh Schintzius, Recreation Director, has self-published a book entitled "Get It Yet?" To obtain a copy of this book call extension 4865.

Dr. Barb Smith, Education and Special Education, co-presented a paper entitled: "Head and Heart of Educational Leadership in Elementary Schools: Relationships for Learning", at the 46th Annual Convention of the University Council of Educational Administration in Pittsburgh in November. She was the lead author.

Jody Hare, Assistant Director of Residence Life and Coordinator of Greek Affairs, attended the 2002 Association of Fraternity Advisors Annual Meeting in Columbus Ohio. She received the Al Page Memorial Scholarship for the Northeast Greek Leadership Association. This scholarship will enable Hare and 2 MU students to attend the NGLA conference in February.

Bia Bernum, Dr. Lee Wright and Dr. Sue Young, Communication and Theatre, presented papers on a panel at the National Communication Association in New Orleans in November. The panel was entitled: "Communicating in Action: Engaging Students in Real-World Activities in a Variety of Courses". Bernum served as panel chair.

Dr. Andrew Gaskiewicz, History, presented a paper entitled "Politics and Censorship: The Reception of the Film Battleship Potemkin in Weimar Germany" at the 27th Annual Great Lakes History Conference in Grand Rapids, MI, in October.

Robin Strom-Mackey, Communication and Theatre, co-presented a paper entitled "High Tech Meets High Touch: Cohort Learning Online in Graduate Higher Education" at the 21st Annual Midwest Research-to-Practice Conference in Adult, Continuing and Community Education at Northern Illinois University in October.

Dr. Kathy Wright, Health Sciences, presented a two-hour workshop entitled "Online and Web-enhanced Teaching and Learning: Maximizing Success" at the American Dietetics Association's Annual Food and Nutrition Conference and Exhibition in Philadelphia in October. Wright also presented a paper at the National Communication Association in New Orleans in November entitled "Captioning for the Most Likely Audience: Is it Working?" and a poster session entitled "Multimedia Learning: How Much is Too Much From a Theoretical Perspective?"

Faculty and staff items of interest to the campus community should be sent to scarrish@mnsfld.edu. Items will be limited only by space and clarity.

POLICE BEAT

November 19, 2002- Theft: Sometime between the dates of Nov. 7 and Nov. 19, an unknown individual removed an envelope containing \$470 from the Mansfield Activity Council Office.

December 2, 2002- Criminal Mischief: Nicholas Custer, 19, fired an air pellet gun through the screen window in Cedarcrest suite 425A in the direction of the A lot parking area.

December 5, 2002- Consumption of an Alcoholic Beverage/Disorderly Conduct: Stephen Meadows, 19, was cited for consumption of an alcoholic beverage and disorderly conduct relative to an incident that took place on Hemlock Drive.

December 9, 2002- Defiant Trespass: Youssef Nbalsi, 22, was found to be in Hemlock room 305 North after being notified not to be anywhere on campus.

December 9, 2002- Disorderly Conduct: Tobias Motyka, 18, was charged with disorderly conduct for his involvement in an incident where he destroyed a potted rubber tree plant with a lacrosse stick.

January 3, 2003- Theft: A Mansfield University student reported that an unknown person or persons entered Cedarcrest 524B and removed a gray and blue Compaq Presario laptop computer valued at approximately \$1700.

If you have any information regarding these or other cases, please contact the police at 662-4900 or submit a tip anonymously at http://www.mnsfld.edu/~police/Anonymous_Tip.htm

Info-to-Go Campus Bulletin Board

★ **Need a ride to Philadelphia for Spring Break?** There will be a bus leaving from the Kelchner Fitness Center at 3 p.m. on Feb. 28. It will make three stops in Philadelphia, and will also stop in Harrisburg if enough students are interested. The cost is \$45 round trip and \$25 one-way. Preference is given to students who sign up for the round trip. Money must be paid in full by February 21 at the Student Accounts Office. Call Chris Vaughn at x4878 or Lee Bostic at x4247 for more information.

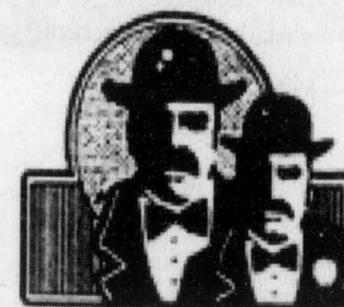
★ "Lift Every Voice...in Song and Prose," a **Martin Luther King, Jr. Noon Hour Program**, will be held today in the Alumni Hall Multipurpose Room (307) from noon to 12:50 p.m. Light refreshments will be provided. Sponsored by the President's Advisory Board on Diversity, the Multicultural Office and the Student Activities Office.

★ Every Wednesday from 7 to 10 p.m. a **billiards tournament** will be held in Alumni Hall Student Center.

★ **ATTENTION ALL HONORS PROGRAM STUDENTS:** Thursday is the **REQUIRED** spring semester meeting held in North Manser Dining Hall. "Priority Scheduling" check-in begins at 4:30 p.m. Dinner is at 4:45 p.m. and the meeting begins at 5:00 p.m. If you have a course conflict with this meeting, call Dr. Carrish at x4371 to arrange a conference. Bring your Honors Program Folder and Honors course scheduling needs so we can plan for Fall '03 and Spring '04 courses.

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'Pride of Pennsylvania' Marching Band to perform at inauguration

"The Pride of Pennsylvania" Mansfield University Marching Band will represent Tioga County in the inaugural parade for Governor-Elect Ed Rendell in Harrisburg on Tuesday. The parade steps off at 12:45 p.m. from the intersection of Fifth and Walnut Streets. The mile long route weaves in and out of the Capital area, ending on Forester Street close to where it began.

Although the band does not normally play in the spring semester, director Adam Brennan worked diligently over the semester break,

with the help of several administrative departments and Bob Scott, an associate of Brennan's who has experience with such events, to make it happen.

"I just kept trying to think of ways to put a band together and make this work because it would be a very important and historic event," Brennan said.

"Our students would really benefit and enjoy participating and our administration has been incredibly supportive and encouraging."

Band members began rehearsals on Monday, practicing indoors but

venturing out into the cold as well.

"This is an example of the reason for the band's success," Brennan said. "Our students are completely dedicated and hard working. When a call for help goes out, our students respond positively and rise to the occasion. I can think of no better group of people to represent our institution than these young ladies and gentlemen."

MU President John Halstead agrees. "We're known as 'The Pride of Pennsylvania' Marching Band for good reason," he said. "MU has a long and storied, top notch music

tradition and Adam Brennan has brought our band of talented student musicians to new heights. It's an honor to be invited to the inaugural festivities and I'll personally be in Harrisburg to cheer on our band at the parade."

"The Pride" is known for its outstanding performance style and uniqueness of the music it plays. All the arrangements are written by Brennan, who has created a special parade tune titled "Entry Into a New Era," subtitled "In Honor of the Inauguration of Governor-Elect Edward G. Rendell of Pennsylvania" for the event.

"We needed a tune that would be appropriate for the weather and the event, so I created a piece for the band that begins with a fanfare to demonstrate the celebratory nature of the occasion," he said.

"The work then moves into a march-like style, signifying not only the parade but the work that must be done. It is in a minor key to demonstrate the seriousness of the work our statesmen must do. The work ends with a restatement of the opening fanfare with a little surprise tag of 'America the Beautiful' and the Mansfield University fight song to commemorate the event."

Brennan plans to send the Governor-Elect a framed version of



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Members of the MU Mountie Marching Band play during a football halftime show.

the piece signed by band members as a memento of the occasion.

"The Pride of Pennsylvania" was seen by more than four million spectators in the U.S. and Canada during its 2002 performances. In addition to playing at home football games, the band serves as musical ambassadors for Mansfield University and travels to perform at regional and international band festivals. It is a favorite at the Collegiate Marching Festival in Allentown, and has taken top honors in the Kitchener-Waterloo International Oktoberfest Parade in Canada in its last two appearances there.

The band is comprised of approximately 175 students representing nearly all of the degree programs offered at Mansfield. Membership is open to all interested students. The band staff includes Director of Bands Adam Brennan, Assistant Director Margaret Underwood, student color guard Coordinator Michael Heaney and a student staff of nearly 30 who assist with drill instruction and music sectional rehearsal.

Trustee (cont.)

Ruth first heard of the position when the student trustee who preceded her visited the Student Government Association and recommended the position to her. Ruth, the only student trustee to complete the four-year term, applied for and was appointed to, the position the summer before her sophomore year.

According to Pennsylvania State Law, each school in the State System of Higher Education must have one student trustee. The departing student trustee serves as the chair of a committee to find a replacement.

Applications for the position are now available at the circulation desk in North Hall. The completed application, along with two letters of recommendation and a resume (the resume is optional), is due Jan. 24, and should be returned to the circulation desk.

After the applications have been reviewed, the comments of the search committee are forwarded to President Halstead, who then sends them on to SSHE Chancellor Judy Hample. The chosen student has an interview with Hample in Harrisburg, then is sent on to the Pennsylvania Governor's office for the official inauguration.

Ruth has enjoyed her time as a student trustee, and said the position has given her opportunities that she would not have otherwise had. She has gotten to meet the various dignitaries that have visited

the university, and is on a first-name basis with Hample. She has also gotten recommendations from members of the council for graduate school applications.

"In my opinion, our Council of

Trustees is one of the best in the system," Ruth said. "My vote and opinion count as much as everyone else's. Instead of calling me a student trustee, they think of me more as a trustee who happens to be a student."

Powers and Duties of an MU Student Trustee

1. to make recommendations to the chancellor for the appointment, retention, or dismissal of the president following consultation with students, faculty, and alumni.
2. to assist the president in developing proper relations and understanding between the institution and its programs and the public in order to serve the interests and needs of both.
3. to review and approve the recommendations of the president as to standards for admission, discipline, and expulsion of students.
4. to review and approve the recommendations of the president pertaining to policies and procedures governing the use of institutional facilities and property.
5. to approve schools and academic programs
6. to review and approve the recommendations of the president pertaining to annual operating and capital budget requirements for forwarding to the Board (of governors).
7. to review and approve charges for room and board and other fees except the student activity fee.
8. to conduct an annual physical inspection of facilities and make recommendations regarding maintenance and construction to the Board (of Governors).
9. to review and approve all contracts and purchases negotiated or awarded by the president with or without competitive bidding and all contracts for consultative services entered by the president.
10. to represent the institution at official functions on the Commonwealth.
11. to take such other actions as may be necessary to effectuate the powers and duties herein delegated.
12. in accordance with the evaluation procedure established by the Board (of Governors), each council shall conduct an evaluation of the president and forward the results of that evaluation with recommendation to the chancellor for submission to the Board (of Governors).

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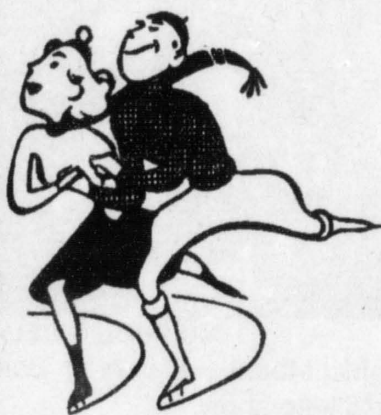
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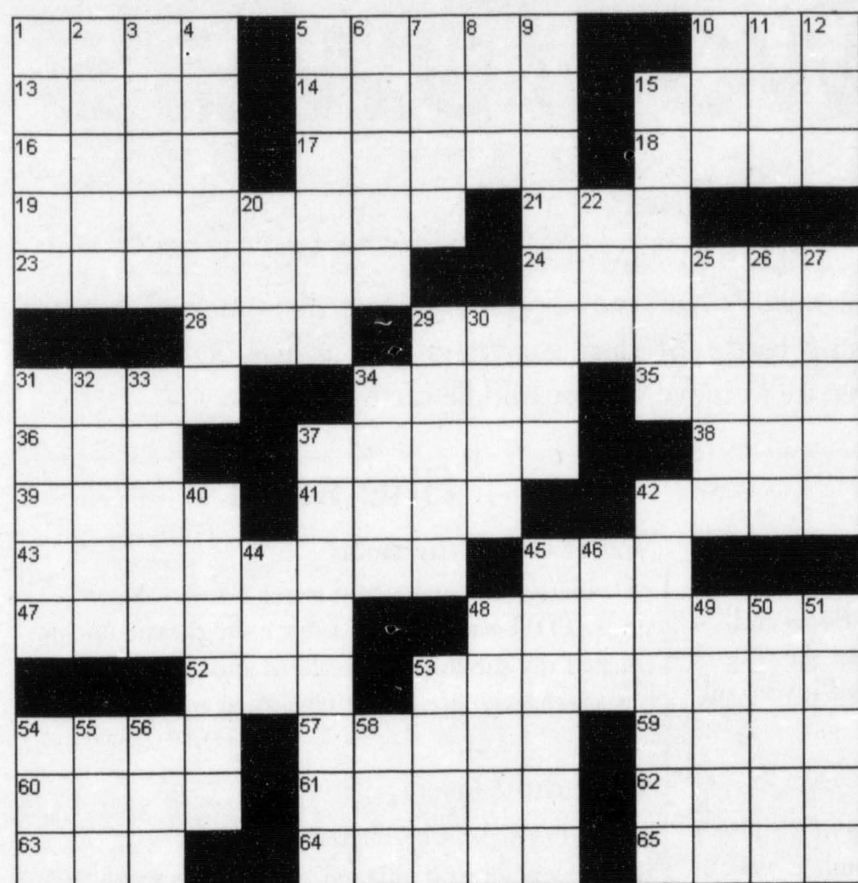
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- 1 Incites (with 'on')
- 5 Cease!
- 10 Informed (slang)
- 13 Drubbing
- 14 More agreeable
- 15 Male parent
- 16 Prickly-stemmed flower
- 17 Crème de la crème
- 18 Exerciser
- 19 Regarded with respect
- 21 Leather punch
- 23 Loss of all hope
- 24 Slender candles
- 28 Age
- 29 Intensify
- 31 Rotation
- 34 Wooden sticks
- 35 atmosphere
- 36 Tap gently
- 37 Tennis score
- 38 Made a hole
- 39 Video receivers
- 41 Formal Promise
- 42 Liars
- 43 Unsegmented worm
- 45 Therapeutic bath
- 47 Over-bed canopy
- 48 A fan without a seat
- 52 Edible tuberous root
- 53 Lettering sheets
- 54 Once again
- 57 Revel
- 59 Get out
- 60 Is sick
- 61 Affected by certain ocean changes
- 62 Be Conveyed
- 63 Crash into
- 64 Fasteners
- 65 Prophet

Down

- 1 Made a mistake
- 2 Web-footed bird
- 3 High winds
- 4 Increase the inclination of

- 5 Blood deficiency
- 6 More disgusting
- 7 sour-tasting substance
- 8 Series
- 9 Formal Written account
- 10 Possessive pronoun
- 11 Wrath
- 12 For each
- 15 Bacterial infection treatment
- 20 Headphone
- 22 Tail motion
- 25 Voice exercise
- 26 Repeat
- 27 Obstructions
- 29 Elegant
- 30 Engrave
- 31 Used up
- 32 Money recipient
- 33 Errands
- 34 Round Piece
- 37 Entryway fixtures
- 40 Mythical Woodland creatures
- 42 Ballerinas
- 44 Aromatic Beverage
- 45 Strengthens
- 46 Separate gold from earth
- 48 Leather strip
- 49 South-eastern United States
- 50 Omit or ignore
- 51 Alcohol and acid compound
- 53 Carbonated water
- 54 Row a boat
- 55 By way of
- 56 Shade tree
- 58 A loud noise

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Submit completed crosswords to The Flashlight office (2M Alumni Hall) by the following Monday after publication. A random drawing will be held each week, and the winner will receive a \$5 gift certificate to the bookstore.

Back To School

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by Jon
Laidacker



The Weekly His/Her Review

This weeks review:

The Two Towers

By DYLAN BRUCIE & THERESA BENNER

PLOT SUMMARY

The Lord of the Rings Saga continues as Sam and Frodo continue their journey towards Mordor. The rest of the fellowship battle for their survival as the armies of Saurom and Saruman grow in strength and prepare to move against middle earth.

He says:

Was it worth the cash?

A very well spent \$8. I even went to the crappy theater in town (with blurry screens, sticky floors and uncomfortable chairs) to see the midnight showing since they were the only ones doing it and it was still worth it.

What did I love?

Not only were the special effects some of the best I've ever seen, but the acting was top notch as well. I was most impressed with the Gollum character.

What made me ill?

I didn't mind the comedy relief in some points, but it was a bit much at times. This is especially true of the character Gimli, whom I don't think had one seen where some sort of joke wasn't made at his expense. The movie also had to jump around a lot since it was constantly following events in three different places, so the flow wasn't the greatest, even though I know it was necessary.

Overall Review:

Not as good as Fellowship of the Ring, but still a great movie. 3 1/2 out of 4 stars.

She says:

Was it worth the cash?

Definitely! I actually paid to see *8 Crazy Nights* since LOTR was sold out. I think the theatre underestimated my sneakiness. Go ahead and see it on the big screen, who needs that Christmas moola anyway?

What did I love?

The movie kept me consistently interested. The three hours didn't drag at all. The effects were fantastic!

What made me ill?

I was in front row hell. Due to the sold-out insanity of the theatre I was forced to seat myself front and center. Any sudden movement made me nauseous. I highly advise any potential viewer to locate themselves towards the back.

Overall Review:

Good movie, but not as good as the first. I give it an enthusiastic 3 out of 4 stars. Buy lots of popcorn so it lasts you!



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 2M in the
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CD Review: Circle and Square, Harmov EP

By JAKE CASELLA
Flashlight Writer

I could list a whole ton of indie-rock bands that Circle and Square bears some resemblance to. But a.) you wouldn't know many of them, and b.) all you really need to know in terms of band comparison is this: the band is a lot like Weezer, with a really heavy Smashing Pumpkins influence.

That's almost enough said, isn't it?

Kind of like Ozma, Circle and Square seem to be better at recreating that old-fashioned Weezer we love better than Weezer themselves. But they're not a rip-off; it's just a similarity-thing. You can tell that they have a lot of Smashing Pumpkins, hardcore, and indie stuff like Guided by Voices in

their record collections.

This EP, alas, is only four songs long, but all four songs are rich in a melody-drenched, busy, crooning-to-shouting-and-back, let's-just-do-some-guitar-riffs-for-a-while kind of way. And that is never a bad thing, at least when the quality of music is this high. I can't wait for a full-length album.

I saw these guys on tour with

Ash & Saves the Day. They had a nice set; I was very impressed with the work of their bass player, Ed Lim. It sounds as though they're working on a lot of quasi-slow songs for their next release, which should balance nicely with the hard geek-rock represented on Harmov.

If you're interested in hearing this release, you don't need to visit seedy indie record store.

Oh no, you can download the whole thing (and a bonus track) at their website, circleandsquare-rock.com. Very nice of them. I really recommend you check it out. Circle and Square have this very accessible sound that, if your tastes are anything like mine, is very rock-worthy. You might still want to go to that seedy indie record store though, just to hang out.

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Random Ramblings

By RACHEL ADAMS
& COREY MEOLA
Flashlight News Editor and
Flashlight Writer

★ Commercial Bitch of the Week: That one car commercial where the kids are driving and the people are making out in the back seat, and then they get to where they're going and the guy is like, "Mom, Dad, we're here." I'm sorry, but I don't want to think about things like that. I would rather keep my lunch down, thank you very much. Not that I have anything against older people making out like teenagers; I just prefer to think that I was delivered by the stork.

☞ I took a trip to WI over break and I noticed that they post signs with the name of the street you are going over or under when you pass a

bridge. Why do they do that? You can't get to those roads. Is it really vital information? I think not.

★ A huge thank-you to fellow Rambler Corey for buying me a pirate flag from Disney World! As anyone who is anyone already knows, my lifelong ambition is to be a pirate. I'm already planning to go to Pirate School, where I'll take courses such as Raping and Pillaging 101. Why be a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist when you could be plundering?

☞ Random story: I was sitting in church on Christmas Eve and, to be annoying, I threw a piece of wax from my candle at my youngest sister. She then threw it at my other sister who promptly stuck it in her

mouth. The youngest did not see this, but certainly found out about it when the other sister spit it back in her hair. We are no longer allowed to sit together in church.

★ Is it me, or is everyone else sick and tired of that *Just Married* commercial? Everyone say it with me now: "Honeymoons are supposed to be all champagne, and lovemaking... COCKROACH! COCKROACH! COCKROACH!" Brittany Murphy is annoying as hell, and she always looks like she's on something. I wanted to kick her in *8 Mile*, because even though she was with Eminem, she did that other guy in the radio station. I would have taken that opportunity to tear her face off, but Eminem took her back. *Sigh* The things people will do for a piece of ass.

TOP 15

Top Fifteen
Billboard Hot 100
Singles this week

1. "Lose Yourself," Eminem
2. "Work It," Missy
"Misdemeanor" Elliott
3. "Jenny from the Block," J.Lo
4. "Underneath It All," No Doubt
5. "The Game of Love,"
Michelle Branch & Santana
6. "Luv U Better," LL Cool J
7. "Gimme the Light," Sean Paul
8. "03 Bonnie and Clyde," Jay-Z
feat. Beyonce Knowles
9. "Hey Ma," Cam'ron
10. "Air Force Ones," Nelly
11. "Dilemma," Nelly feat. Kelly
Rowland
12. "Don't Mess With My Man,"
Nivea feat. Brian and
Brandon Casey
13. "Love of My Life," Erykah Badu
14. "Die Another Day," Madonna
15. "Landslide," Dixie Chicks

GEEKculture

By TODD BAILEY
Flashlight Writer

• Well welcome back my GEEKlets! To the newest of our student body, please allow myself to introduce...myself. I am.... the GEEK. I was put here to fulfill all of your entertainment inquiries...hence, GEEKculture was born.

• Hope everyone's Xmas was excellent. I relieved the best gift EVER from "the misses." She knows how much I love Lilo and Stitch so she got me a talking Stitch! I was so pumped!

• Signs DVD is completely and utterly KICK ASS! The special features rocks...long live M. Night!

• I highly advise buying the Back to the Future Trilogy on DVD...no collection is complete without it. It offers over ten (yes 10) hours of special features.

• I haven't been keeping up on wrestling as of late, but I promise I'll have something for you starving fans next time!

• The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers was OUTSTANDING. If you haven't seen it yet...hang your head in shame.

• We Should throw some sort of Mortal Kombat tournament!

• Eagles/Titans = Super Bowl. Go Eagles!!

GEEK's Random Quote of the Week:
"I'm insane with anger!"
-Graham Hess Signs



★ yeah. Another semester. Word up.

★ So, I saw the Two Towers. And I refuse to talk about it. All I can say is that I'm surprised that somewhere in there I didn't see twinkie-lovin' Pete Jackson tearing pages out of the book to wipe his ass with and then burning what was left of the book. Bastard.

★ In related news, every preview I saw before the movie was for a sequel that should never have been made. The tragedies known as movies should just end now. Except for Gangs of New York, I rather enjoyed that movie, much to my surprise.

★ So, like, music is still being made right? Cuz it seems to me very little is exciting me anymore. Maybe I've become too lazy to really dig for stuff.

★ Rye Coalition, though, has funny song titles and they play for real retro rock. Like, I hate AC/DC, but for some reason I like Rye Coalition and they sound very similar. Maybe it's just cuz Rye doesn't wear funny hats and the lead singer doesn't screeeeech about stiff upper lips.

★ At home, my Fox channel shows Knight Rider. And I always forget what time. I so suck. I mean, I'm missing out on one of the world's greatest superheroes, Michael Knight. The man wears black almost all the time, including that leather jacket, in warm places and never sweats. Ever. And Kit just rules. We all know this.

★ Did you know you could buy a Kit replica on Ebay? It was mad hottttt. Yes, that was a 5 t salute to its hotness.

★ There's this super shitty band called Mindless Self Indulgence, and they get praised by Slipknot, System of a Down, ICP, and Korn which just quadruples their super shitty-ness. And sadly they're getting attention because they do stupid shit and say stupid shit and blahblahblah. Listen people, please, just listen to me, sucky music still sucks no matter what. And this includes members of sucky bands doing stupid lame-ass shit. Just because someone in the band is a moron and says something for attention does not mean that his or her band no longer sucks. Remember: suck equals suck equals suck. And Mindless Self Indulgence sucks.

★ Office Space is still a funny movie. No matter how many times you've seen it. And the soundtrack kicks ass, too.

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OPINION & EDITORIAL

From the Editor's Desk: *Another semester of change*

By DYLAN BRUCIE
Flashlight Editor-in-Chief

Welcome back to another semester at Mansfield University. I hope everyone had a nice and relaxing break. I know I was working most of the time, but it was still nice to not have to worry about what paper or test I had coming up, even if it was only for a few weeks.

As the semester progresses, it will be interesting to see some of the changes made around campus; some for the better, others for the worse. I'm curious to see how many people are actually going to be busted for smoking in their rooms. I'm wondering when Maple A is going to open and end the overcrowding in the rest of the dorms. It will also be interesting to see if we end up having a concert this semester since we did not have one last semester.

I hope everyone that wasn't involved with anything last semester gets into something this semester. There are so many great organizations all over campus, there has to be something for somebody. Want to see a concert happen?

Join Mansfield Activities Council. Like to write? By all means, join The Flashlight. Want to ski? Mansfield has a ski club. There's basically something for everyone. Get out of the dorm room and take advantage of it. If cost is an issue, usually if the organization has any fee at all, it's very small. The experience you'll gain and fun you'll have is more than worth the small amount you pay.

Good luck to everyone in the coming semester. I hope you send in lots of letters to the editor to tell me what you like about campus, what you think should be changed or whatever else you can think of. Nothing ever happens unless you speak up about it. Since we have a new holiday for Martin Luther King, Jr., talk to you guys in two weeks.

Have something to say? Want to respond to an editorial? Write in!

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Letter to the editor: *Violence in America*

Editor:

I think we need to focus on why violence is taking place, instead of trying to take care of violence after it has already taken place. We cannot solve our violence problem by hiring more police or by building more prisons. I think our biggest problem is the breakdown of the American family and the lack of parental responsibility for their children. The children are being denied the proper ingredients for their journey through life. We can blame the parents and the government for the violence in America. The government cannot legislate love, sharing, caring, trust, a shoulder to lean on, organization, or responsibility. Our government leaders are only interested in getting on committees, taking care of the PAC providers, pay raises and cost-of-living raises, vacations, and bureaucrats. Money or a welfare check will not provide the children with the proper ingredients, but the children will provide the violence without these main ingredients of life. It doesn't cost any money, only giving of self and time. Why do

we have violence and so many people on drugs? Our government leaders are out of touch with reality. They can't see the problem that is facing us because of their greed, only taking care of themselves. America, the land of the free and the home of the children's minds being wasted and the people being denied government by the people for the people. We have trickle-down economics because the government leaders want the fruits of our labor for themselves. We the people need to get involved to make sure we get more for the fruits of our labor than hot air. Our government leaders think they can solve our problems by giving themselves cost-of-living raises, pay raises and vacations. That only solves their problem-GREED! Also, our school teachers cannot make up for the years of child neglect by the parents before the children begin school. We must remember that the teachers were not hired to be babysitters.

-Edwin Stricker

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Mountie baseball swings into the season with a national ranking

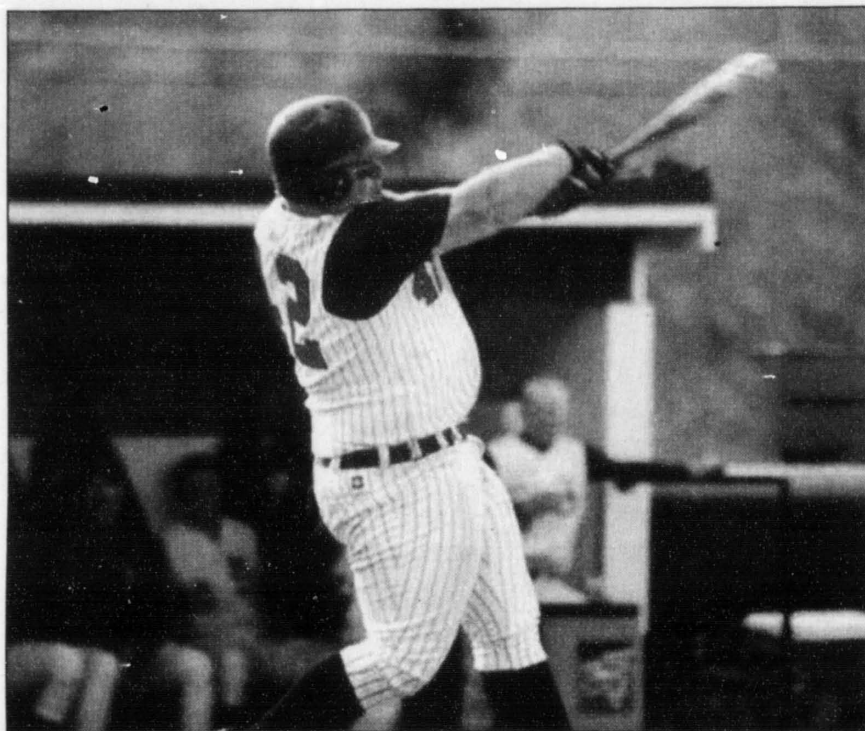
BY JENNIFER A. NELSON
Flashlight Sports Co-Editor

The Mansfield Mountaineer baseball team received a very special Christmas present for the new year.

On Christmas Eve, the Mounties received a top 30 position in the NCAA Division II preseason poll. This is the 11th year in a row that Mansfield was posted in the Collegiate Poll. As 253 colleges compete in this level, the Mountaineers continue to top their conference.

The baseball team dominated last year's competition as they won the PSAC East title which carried them to the National Tournament. Mansfield ended their season at 41-14. It also marked head coach Harry Hillson's 500th career win - the most in PSAC play.

Last season, the Mounties won 40 plus games for their third time. Mansfield will return seven positioned starters to head this year's team. These players include Jason Manwaring, Brett Brown, Jason Fischer, Doug Evans, Craig Barkey, Aaron Kilgo, and Travis Wurster. Several of these starters received PSAC East awards for their performance last season: Manwaring - First Team All-American; Brown - Second Team PSAC



Sports Information

Jason Manwaring (pictured) along with Brett Brown were named All-American for the 2003 Division II preseason poll.

East; Wurster - Second Team PSAC East.

The preseason has also been of promise for two Mountie baseball players in particular - Jason Manwaring and Brett Brown.

Both were named as All-Americans for the 2003 NCAA Division II Preseason Poll. The talented seniors were chosen by the American Baseball Coaches Association's convention held in San Diego on Jan. 2.

Manwaring led the Mountaineers and Division II

play with 23 homeruns. He also recorded 79 RBI's - second best in the nation. Manwaring posted the third highest slugging percentage at .865.

Brown led last year's conference with 63 runs scored and had 13 homeruns and 59 RBI's, capturing second in the PSAC. Brown started all of the games last season (55) with a .319 batting average.

Mountie baseball and "Harry's Heroes" will open their season when they travel to Ferrum College in Virginia on Feb. 21.

A wave of 'imagination' ripples over the mountain

By JENNIFER A. NELSON
Flashlight Sports Co-Editor
COMMENTARY

Amani Toomer. Deshea Townsend. Chad Pennington. By now we all know who these hot stars are.

It is championship time for the NFL, and this season has been one thrilling roller coaster ride after another. With the close of an interesting college football season - Larry Johnson's heart breaking push for the Heisman and Willis McGahee's 'Canes losing to the Buckeyes in the Fiesta Bowl - NFL fans everywhere are gearing up for the Super Bowl. During my winter break, I caught up on my football and my New York Jets. It's about time the green and white got into the game. (Well at least they came this far.) I even came across something quite unique which caught my eye - it almost appears to be something of a secret.

When I took a break from packing to go home, I "stumbled" upon a website for something known as the Mansfield Arena League. I heard several comments on this so-called league, so I decided to check it out further. I was actually quite impressed with what

I saw. The website is very much detailed.

Apparently the M.A.L isn't that new. It was started by a group of Mansfield students who enjoyed playing football at their leisure and just wanted to get together to have a good time. Since I don't know if these guys want their names mentioned, I'll use their nicknames. The mastermind behind all this is "Hot Paul." (Here is a small hint: he can be heard on 89.5 The Giant.) Other members of the M.A.L. include "Baseball Josh", "Chadwicke", "Homeboy", and "Matty G."

There are of course more members of Mansfield's other football team, and they are very much a part of this league. Another aspect of the M.A.L. that can't be left out is that these boys have two very loyal fans - Jen and Becky.

If you want to know more about this "elite bunch" you'll just have to check out their website or get in touch with the M.A.L. This just goes to show that there are things to do at the school atop the mountain. After all, Mansfield is a small university with big opportunities and a vivid imagination.

Mansfield finishes seventh at Indiana University Invite

Prior to winter break the Mansfield swim team finished seventh in the three-day event with 128 points at the IUP Invite. IUP won the competition with 525 points.

Katey Houck posted a qualifying time of 56.92 and placed ninth in the 100 free. Freshman Miranda Maikner was sixth in the 200 backstroke with a time of 2:42.11 with freshman Kelsey Hogan of Waverly and Stephanie Camp placing eighth and 10th in the 200 back with times of 2:33.65 and 2:56.29 respectively.

Senior Sarah Davis earned team points with a ninth place finish in the 200 fly (2:29.72) and freshman Andrea Popovic was 10th in the 1650 free with a time of 19:25.80.

The 400 free relay team of Popovic, Maikner, Hogan and

Houck finished sixth.

This past week the Mansfield University women's swim team fell to Edinboro, 72-23, and Kutztown, 61-32, in a PSAC tri-meet at Edinboro University Saturday afternoon.

Miranda Maikner and Andrea Popovic had the Mountaineers top finishes, placing third in the 100 breaststroke (1:19.64) and 500 free (5:42.34) respectively.

Finishing fourth for Mansfield were Charity Learn in the 1000 free (12:16.54), Kelly Coyle in the 100 fly (1:13.80), Katey Houck in the 100 free (59.35) and Melissa Recchiuti in the 100 yard breaststroke (1:29.21).

Mansfield falls to 2-5 on the season. The Mounties next meet is 1p.m. Saturday at Millersville University.

This Week in Mountie Sports

	Wednesday 1/15	Thursday 1/16	Friday 1/17	Saturday 1/18	Sunday 1/19	Monday 1/20	Tuesday 1/21
Indoor Track				Rochester Invitational 10a.m.			
Men's Basketball	Kutztown Away 8p.m.			Millersville 3p.m.			
Swimming				Millersville Away			
Women's Basketball	Kutztown Away 6p.m.			Millersville 1p.m.			

Nelson and Pellegrino's "Hot Topic"

*The year of the *back up**

By JENNIFER A. NELSON

Flashlight Sports Co-Editor

This past regular season of the NFL has been one for heads turning and jaws wide open with chins on the floor.

My favorite part of this season was the exciting Wild Card Weekend. Wow! The New York Jets dropped a bomb on the Indianapolis Colts. That's right. The JETS. I couldn't believe it myself. It definitely wasn't a good day for Brett Favre. However, 22-year old Michael Vick had the game of his life as his Atlanta Falcons upset the Green Bay Packers. Even the Pittsburgh Steelers plowed their way to victory after a 24-7 deficit to the Cleveland Browns. The 49ers also got in on the action managing to pull off one of the biggest play-off comebacks. New York's Matt Allen's pass attempt fell incomplete in the Giants nail-biting loss to San Francisco.

Let's get to the real deal. Back-ups. Who are they? Where did they come from? This has been a popular question surrounding the National Football League for the past couple weeks of play. I am torn between two super-talents: Tommy Maddox of Pittsburgh and Chad Pennington of the New York Jets.

I've been watching the Steelers play ever since my brother began rooting for them. Now, I'm talking all the way back in the Neil O'Donnell era. Back to Maddox. He has been called the NFL's Comeback Player of the Year. During their wild card game, he threw three touchdown passes with 19 minutes left in the game. As I was reading my local paper, I came across these words by Maddox: "...if you don't think we're going to win this game, you need to go back into the locker room." The Browns were the ones sent packing and off to *their* locker room, I'm sure with their hearts in their hands. Since Maddox took over for Kordell "Slash" Stewart, the Steel City has never been the same.

Chad Pennington. I really don't think I need to say anything about this young star. Early on in the season, veteran quarterback Vinny Testaverde experienced some problems so head coach Herman Edwards made a tough decision to start Pennington. Edwards knew his back-up quarterback was three years out of Marshall but obviously saw this boy's passion. Many times through out this season, Pennington's game has been compared to that of a college player. It's true that Chad has that innocent yet fierce aura about him. He pumps his team up in the locker room and on the sidelines. This season, Pennington was considered the league's most efficient passer. The New York Jets did a complete turnaround this season thanks in part to Chad Pennington. He is definitely giving the NFL and fans a season to remember.

Just keep the names Maddox and Pennington in mind for next year.

By GREGORY PELLEGRINO

Flashlight Sports Co-Editor

If you were to tell me that the J-E-T-S Jets Jets Jets, Browns, Falcons and the Donovan-less Eagles were making the play-offs, I probably would have whipped out my wallet and placed bets.

It has been that type of year in the world of the National Football League, where anything and everything is possible. The thing that separates these four teams from others in the NFL is that they did it without their stud quarterbacks at the helm. The Jets' Vinny Testaverde, Browns' Tim Couch, the Eagles' Donovan McNabb, and the exception in the likes of the leagues youngest quarterback Mike Vick for the Falcons all started off as the guy to lead their teams to the promise land.

However, a 1-4 start landed Vinny to the bench, injuries and fans booing led to Couch's frequent benchings, and we all know what happened to poor Donovan. With that, enter Chad Pennington, Kelly Holcomb, A.J. Feeley, and Mike Vick who took over the starting role in Atlanta after the departure of Chris Chandler.

Pennington led the 'Gang Green,' to an AFC East Championship and a trip to the play-offs. Despite the Jets recent heart breaking loss to the Raiders, it seems the Jets found their future quarterback. As the back page of the *New York Post* said in Tuesdays issue, 'We'll Be back.'

For the most part, Tim Couch led the Browns most of the way, but it was Kelly Holcomb that got the nod in the playoffs. Even though the Browns fell apart to Tommy Maddox and the Steelers in the playoffs, the Browns proved to everyone that they're for real and will be back just as long as they keep their helmets on.

The City of Brotherly Love showed their love to A.J. Feeley the second year quarterback out of Oregon. Feeley knows what it's like being the backup; in Oregon he was backup to Detroit Lions Joey Harrington. Feeley went 5-1 as a starter and helped the Eagles to the NFC East Championship and home field advantage throughout the play-offs. Now with McNabb healthy again, the Eagles seem to be bound for San Diego. (This all coming from a New York Giants fan.)

Now enter Mike Vick, the leagues youngest and probably most excited quarterback in the league to watch. He helped lead the Falcons back to the play-offs for the first time since their SuperBowl appearance in 1998. Despite losing to the Eagles in the divisional round, Vick has the fans in Atlanta excited about their Dirty Birds once more.

With the NFL championship games and Super Bowl still to play, your guess is as good as mine on who's going to take home the Vince Lombardi trophy.

This Week In Sports...Too Much Football!?

BY JOE "UGO" BARBANO

Flashlight Sports Writer

Welcome back! I hope everyone enjoyed the holiday break as much as I did. Between the College Bowl games and the NFL Playoffs beginning, I had plenty to do. Is it possible to get TOO MUCH football? If so, you could never prove it by me!

When the NFL Annual Meeting convenes in Phoenix on March 23, it's a sure bet the Competition and Rules Committees will be burning the midnight oil. There's a lot to discuss, considering the controversies that have emerged through the first two rounds of the playoffs.

Among the hottest topics will be restructuring the rules for overtime games, the possibility of full-time officials, and clarifying the rules regarding pass interference. No matter what they discuss, it's too little, too late for Coaches Bill Cowher (Steelers) and Jim Fassel (Giants).

In recent years, end-of-the-season NFL coach firings have been pretty much a bloodbath. So far, this year's round of firings has amounted to a paper cut. To nobody's surprise, the Dallas Cowboys sacked Dave Campo, after three 5-11 seasons. Tom Coughlin, the only coach the Jacksonville Jaguars have ever

known was also asked not to return, as was Dick LeBeau in Cincinnati. The Jags have yet to name a replacement, after being turned down by former Vikings Coach Dennis Green, while Dallas has tapped former Giants/Patriots/Jets drill sergeant Bill Parcells. The Bengals may have a hard time filling their vacancy, though. Working for Owner Mike Brown would amount to committing career suicide, since he has announced he will continue to mishandle his club in the manner we have become accustomed to.

It's a wonder that Gary Bettman gets any sleep lately. Last

week, the Ottawa Senators filed for bankruptcy (even though they still own the best record in the Eastern Conference), citing a weak Canadian dollar as one of the problems. In Buffalo, the Sabres' future is in doubt in the wake of the financial misdeeds of Owner and Adelphia founder John Rigas. Mark Hamister, owner of the Buffalo Destroyers in the Arena Football League, wants to buy the Sabres, but his plan has hit a few snags, the biggest being the \$23 million loan he had hoped to secure from New York State. Rochester billionaire Tom Golisano, after a failed run for the New York's Governor's office, has also expressed interest. The snag

in his plan is that Adelphia is seeking about \$33 million in cash to go directly to the beleaguered cable company while, under Golisano's proposal, they would receive about \$20 million. Pocket change, right?

When Bill Parcells took the coaching job with Dallas, he effectively postponed his probable enshrinement in the Pro Football Hall of Fame. Last year, he was one of the fifteen finalists in his first year of eligibility.

Having filled the Dallas post, the selection committee effectively removed his name from the list.



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Mansfield races into a record-setting '03

BY JENNIFER A. NELSON

Flashlight Sports Co-Editor

As finals week approached our campus last semester, the indoor track team did more than studying.

The Mounties traveled to Bucknell University on Dec. 8 for their first meet of the season. This proved to be the best start that the Mountaineer team has seen in a while. An above average percent of the team obtained their personal bests in the opener.

Sophomore Josh Wooten raced back into the news as he ran his way past the school's record for the indoor mile. Wooten's time of 4:25.58 was among the best in levels I, II, III in the NCAA. Another remark-



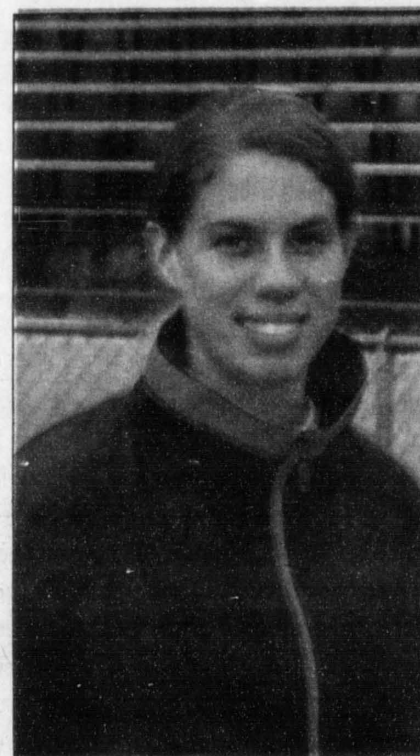
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able accomplishment for the team included Teresa Stanford's

record breaking mile run. She broke the 24-year old record that was held by the team's assistant coach Sherri Stager.

Chad Woodruff, Katie Heil, and Jay Blozousky all qualified for the PSAC championship in their events which include the 55 hurdles, shot, and high jump, respectively.

On Dec. 14, freshman Adam Staier set a school record during his event - the 1500 meter race-walk- held at the New York City Arena. "To win a race at this level at his age is a rarity in this sport," said head coach Mike Rohl. Staier's time was 5:46.5 which earned him a spot in the Melrose Games. Freshman Lauren Oliveri placed third for the women's competition.



CALDWELL

In most recent action, the Mounties continued to rock the

PSAC as they took part in the East Stroudsburg Invitational on Jan. 12.

Stephanie Cadwell won the women's pentathlon earning 2,646 points. This total beat the school record set in 2000 by Kelly Maines. Jessica West finished in fifth place also setting a school record for the 300 meters. Jay Blozousky took first for the men in the triple jump event.

Adam Staier won the Invitational for the 3,000 meter racewalk. His win boasted yet another record for his career in the racewalk.

After a strong start to their season, the Mountaineers will compete in the Rochester Invitational on Jan 18.

Longpre' records 1,000; Buss six away

By GREGORY PELLEGRINO

Flashlight Sports Co-Editor

With the year 2002 behind us and 2003 only 15 days young, a lot has been happening on the hardwood at Decker Gym.

During our winter break, the Mansfield University men's basketball team cruised to a 11-4 record as the season approaches the halfway mark. In the process of winning games, there have also been highlighted moments.

On January 11, junior guard Brett Longpre' scored 30 points in a 74-65 victory over Indiana University (PA). However it wasn't his point total or the win that made the headlines.

Longpre' reached the 1,000 point milestone.

"I don't know if Brett played a better game," said head coach Vince Alexander. "I know he's scored more points in a game for

us, but his all-around game today was just outstanding. He rebounded, played defense, and played with a passion that willed his team to victory."

Longpre' became the second player in as many years to reach this milestone, as Damar Lopez surpassed 1000 last season.

"It's nice to get the 1,000 points," said Longpre'. "And it's something I will always be proud of, but it couldn't have happened in a better game than this. I will remember the high of winning this game more than I will scoring my 1,000 point."

Longpre' was also named PSAC East Player of the Week in part to his performance in the past week.

Another Mountie that made the headlines is freshman Bill McNeil. Last week, McNeil was named PSAC East rookie of the week for the third time this season. Over a



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three game span, the freshman averaged 22.7 points per game.

McNeil and the Mounties look to continue this season's success tonight when they travel to Kutztown to take on the Golden

Bears.

Despite being three games under .500, the Mansfield University women's basketball team has been playing quality basketball so far this season.

After coming off a season where they only won ten games, they are halfway there as they post a 5-8 record entering tonight's game against the Golden Bears of Kutztown at Keystone Hall.

Tonight's game also brings the attention to senior Allyson Buss who is just six points shy of the 1,000 point milestone after an 18 point performance against Shippensburg this past Sunday.

Also making the news is senior Lynelle Mosley who was named PSAC East player of the week for the first week of the year.

Mosley is averaging 13.1 points per game and is among the league leaders in assists with 50



MOSLEY

and steals with 30.

Tonight the Mounties travel to Kutztown University to try to improve on their 5-8 record and move up in the PSAC East standings.

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Greek 'Open Rush' begins next week

By RACHEL ADAMS
Flashlight News Editor

This year, the Greeks on campus are going about Rush Week a bit differently.

Instead of the usual "every organization for itself" attitude, Lambda Chi Alpha, Delta Zeta, Alpha Sigma Tau, Sigma Tau Gamma, Delta Upsilon, Phi Kappa Sigma, Alpha Sigma Alpha, Zeta Tau Alpha, Phi Beta Sigma and Phi Mu Delta will be working together in a collaborative recruitment effort to promote all Greek organizations, instead of lauding one over another.

"The focus of this is not to recruit for your own fraternity," Brian Green, president of the Mansfield University Inter-Fraternity Council, said.

"We're moving on to a new stage in Greek life, and accommodating a new generation."

Instead, the potential new members will learn about each organization and then make a choice based upon the fraternity or sorority that best suits them. In turn, the Rush Committees will be learning about each interested student and recommending certain students to certain organizations. Since each group has its own personality, it's not difficult to find one that suits you.

After three days of rush, each potential new member will choose his or her top two organizations, and will then spend one-on-one time with the brothers or sisters of those organizations. Then, on the last day of Rush Week, all Greek organizations will gather in Lower Manser at 5 p.m. to hand out bids. All students are invited to attend.

The Greeks on campus also have several activities lined up for this semester, open to all students. The Late Night programs at the Kelchner Fitness Center are well underway, and take place every Thursday evening at various loca-

tions. A production of "MU Politically Incorrect," patterned after the Bill Maher show, is also in the works. Green hopes to round up a panel of students to discuss various topics pertaining to life at MU.

Green is also in the process of coordinating a "Greek-a-palooza" concert, with performances by campus bands, later this semester at the Hut. Green stressed that the idea behind this program, as well as the Late Nights, is not to pressure anyone into joining a Greek organization, but rather to have a good time and make the campus a more fun place to be.

"This place's biggest problem is retention. If we can assert ourselves and make our programs a little more refined, then we have a place here," he said.

Jamie R. Hall, a Lambda Chi Alpha brother, agreed: "Greek life is in a transition, and we're trying to find our place on campus."

The Greeks are indeed up to good things at Mansfield. Last semester alone, the social Greek organizations contributed over 1500 'man-hours' of service through various projects. Some of those projects include Make-A-Difference Day (where the Greeks concentrated on landscaping projects at Hills Creek), food and clothing drives for several local charitable organizations and their standard on-campus help with the Red Cross Blood Drive.

In addition, several organizations did fund-raising efforts to specifically raise funds for charitable donations. Alpha Sigma Tau raised and donated money to their national philanthropy, as did Zeta Tau Alpha, who donated \$650 to their philanthropy, the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

"Community service projects are a huge part of our purpose on and off campus," Jody Hare, Greek Advisor, said.



PHOTO BY MAUREEN MOORE

This award, given to MU's chapter of Chi Alpha Epsilon for academic excellence, is on display in 213 South Hall. **STORY, p. 3**

Mountie Den slated to move into old bookstore

By HEATHER OISTER
Flashlight Writer

Students on the go will soon find the food they desire easier to obtain when the plan to reform Lower Manser is complete.

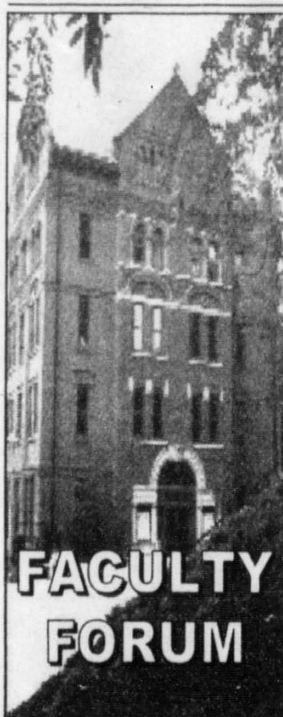
Although the plans are not currently finalized, it is known that the area commonly referred to as the old bookstore will house a variety of foods for students to choose from in one location. Every student should be able to find something they like there. The area will incorporate several of the foods currently served at the Den, South Side Court, and the Gallery.

Along with the Den's present offerings, there will be a new grill in the facility called the "Sky

Ranch Grill" that will serve a lot of what is now served in South Side. A pasta area will be added to the complex also. As well, the general concept of the Gallery will be present.

Michael Raub, Assistant Director of Food Services, says, "I personally don't see any disadvantages." He feels that students will find the new design to their liking. With everything being in one location, students will only have to go to one place to find everything they normally would have to go to several places to get. This will allow for increased efficiency that most students will be sure to appreciate.

See 'DEN,' p. 2



Dr. Nancy Sidell, Social Work, Anthropology and Sociology, has been asked to serve on the National Association of Social Work Boards (NASWB) Examination Committee. She will join 14 colleagues from across the country in reviewing examination questions. She has already served two years as an examination writer.

Dr. John Ulrich, Languages and Literature, presented his paper, "Hanta's Dead End: The Conclusion of Bohumil Hrabal's Too Loud a Solitude" in December at the Modern Language Association convention in NYC. He was part of a panel on Slavic and Eastern European Literature.

Ms. Kaye Brown, Information Technology, retired on January 10. A reception will be held today from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. to celebrate her years of service. Light refreshments will be served.

Mary Jane Watkins, Institutional Research, retired Friday after 30 years of service. A reception was held Wednesday in the North Hall Employee Lounge.

Dr. Ken Sarch, Music, presented a special concert for children featuring the MU Symphony Orchestra and the First Position Dance Studio of Wellsboro, directed by Janice Tester on Saturday in Straughn Auditorium.

Faculty and staff items of interest to the campus community should be sent to scarrish@mnsfld.edu. Items will be limited only by space and clarity.

POLICE BEAT

January 13, 2003 - Theft: A Mansfield University Student reported that an unknown person or persons entered his room and removed \$40 in currency, some household supplies and two DVD movies valued at \$20 each. The value of all stolen items totaled \$85.

January 15, 2003 - Harassment: A Mansfield University student reported being harassed while entering Cedarcrest Manor.

January 25, 2003- Consumption of an Alcoholic Beverage: Amanda Reidy, 20, was cited for under-age consumption of an alcoholic beverage in 524 Cedarcrest Manor.

If you have any information regarding these or other cases, please contact the police at 662-4900 or submit a tip anonymously at http://www.mnsfld.edu/~police/Anonymous_Tip.htm

Den (continued)

Another advantage will be increased room. The plans, as of now, are to convert the area that at the present houses the Den into

seating.

The new area will use the same meal plan design that the Den now uses. Students will be able to use their meals and/or flex to obtain

what they are craving.

Currently, there is no finalized purpose or plan for what will happen to the area that houses South Side. One idea being considered is to seek a group to get together and brainstorm to come up with the most ideal and beneficial usage for the area.

The project's completion date has not been set yet.

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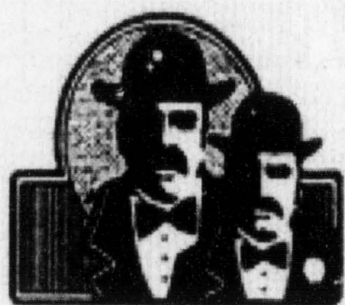
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Info-to-Go Campus Bulletin Board

★ **Need a ride to Philadelphia for Spring Break?** There will be a bus leaving from the Kelchner Fitness Center at 3 p.m. on Feb. 28. It will make three stops in Philadelphia, and will also stop in Harrisburg if enough students are interested. The cost is \$45 round trip and \$25 one-way. Preference is given to students who sign up for the round trip. Money must be paid in full by February 21 at the Student Accounts Office. Call Chris Vaughn at x4878 or Lee Bostic at x4247 for more information.

★ **The Faculty Film Series 2003** presents "Va Savoir" (Who Knows?), a French film, Thursday at 4 p.m. in Allen Hall.

★ **The Mu Xi Literary Society** is now accepting submissions for the Spring 2003 issue of *Edge City*, MU's student literary magazine. Send hard copies of your poetry, short fiction and non-fiction prose to Mu Xi, Box 73, Alumni Hall Student Center, or send electronic copies to Dr. John Ulrich at julrich@mnsfld.edu. Be sure to include your name and contact information with your submission. Deadline for submissions is Feb. 28. *Edge City* is funded by the Student Activities Fees.

★ Every Wednesday from 7 to 10 p.m. a **billiards tournament** will be held in Alumni Hall Student Center.

★ Do you like to volunteer? Do you want to make a difference on campus and in your community? Join **Sigma: A Service Organization**. Meetings are Thursdays at 5 p.m. in 314 Alumni Hall. For more information, contact Russ at 662-2516.

★ Are you interested in history? Do you like to travel? Join the **MU History Club** and take a trip to Washington, D.C. this semester! The next meeting is tomorrow at 4:15 in Alumni Hall 314.

★ **The President's Commission on the Status of Women** urges female students to show their appreciation to a member of the MU community who has succeeded in making a positive difference in their lives, and has contributed to their success at Mansfield. The students are asked to write a letter about how this person has made a difference. An Appreciation Luncheon will be held at the end of march for students and nominees. A form can be obtained by contacting Sheila Kasperek, 217 North Hall, or e-mail skaspere@mnsfld.edu by Friday, February 28.

Announcements for *Info-to-Go* can be e-mailed to flashlit@mnsfld.edu

Chi Alpha Epsilon is given national award

By RACHEL ADAMS
Flashlight News Editor

The Alpha Zeta chapter of Chi Alpha Epsilon, an ACT 101 honors fraternity, recently received a national award for excellence in academics.

To understand the nature of the award, a bit of background must first be given. In XAE, there are three awards given based upon academic achievement. The first, The Order of the Ruby Key, recognizes those students who have a semester GPA of 3.50 to 3.74. The Order of the Emerald Key recognizes those with a GPA of 3.75 to 3.99, and the Order of the Diamond Key is given to those who achieve a 4.0.

The award, the Jewel Chapter Award, was given to the Mansfield University XAE chapter because it was the "best all-jewel chapter across the United States," Sharon Carrish, XAE co-advisor said. That means that the students in MU's chapter had the most students with the most jewel awards. Alpha Zeta chapter beat out 92 other chapters across the nation to win this honor. The plaque, on display in 213 South Hall, was presented to the chapter at their November initiation.

Chi Alpha Epsilon was founded in 1989 by Dr. Elbert Saddler at West Chester University of

Pennsylvania. It was begun in response to a need to acknowledge the success of students in the ACT 101 program or similar programs. Its purpose is "to recognize the academic achievements of students admitted to colleges and the universities through non-traditional criteria." Mansfield University's chapter was formed in November 2001, with fourteen charter members. Even though it is an honor fraternity, it is in no way connected with the honors program.

ACT 101 is a legislative act that provides state support to colleges and universities, allowing them to provide learning services to undergraduate students who, through cultural, economic and educational disadvantages, are unable to successfully pursue a higher education.

The chapter also received a national award last year for winning a website design contest. The website can be found at: <http://www.mnsfld.edu/~act101/ChiAlpha.html>.

To be eligible for membership in XAE, a student must be a full- or part-time ACT 101 student with a GPA of at least 3.0 for two consecutive semesters. Invitations to join are mailed out each semester, and the fraternity has inducted anywhere from five to fourteen members at a time.

Student Government Association update

By KRISTA TYNER
Special to the Flashlight

The Executive Board and Senators of the Student Government Association would like to welcome everyone back from winter break. As of right now, SGA is busy setting goals for this semester as well as finishing up events from last semester.

SGA is in need of approximately 10 new senators as well as a non-traditional student representative. If you or someone you know would be interested in running please contact us at ext. 4984.

As you know, most organizations have to deal with change at the beginning of every semester due to graduations, internships and the like. The SGA executive board went through some changes as well. Tiffany Strickler, our former Historian/Speaker of the House, left

SGA Office Hours: Alumni 319

Monday: 10 a.m. to noon

1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Tuesday: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Wednesday: 10 a.m. to noon

Thursday: 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Friday: 11 a.m. to noon

for an internship in Harrisburg after serving three semesters in SGA. The executive board consists of Maria Trego, President; Jeff Howe, Vice President; Calvin Ruthven, Treasurer; Krista Tyner, Historian/Speaker of the House; Nicole Katsoff, Corresponding Secretary; Brett Carpenter, Recording Secretary and our newest member, Angie Stine as Parliamentarian.

Each exec-board member holds office hours every week in the SGA office, Alumni 319, so come visit us to share your questions, concerns, and suggestions. Anyone interested in attending an SGA meeting is welcomed - we meet every Monday at 9p.m. in Alumni 317.

SGA is formed for the betterment of the student body and the campus. Last semester, SGA, with the guidance of Ryan Brown and other Senators, built "The Spirit Committee," which has helped raise Mansfield's school spirit. This semester, items such as megaphones and pom-poms are being sold to coincide with the popular Mountie Madness red t-shirts from last semester. In addition to the

school spirit, SGA is trying to revitalize the use of the Mountie mascot, as well as make the Student Center more student-oriented. Another issue being addressed this semester is the smoking policy recently put into effect by ARHC. The results from our safety walk last semester and the desire for blue safety lights being installed throughout campus are going to be shared with the Police and university administration.

If you have any comments on these topics or others, contact any of our Senators during our Student Forums or come to our meetings. If you would like to write your comment down, drop it in the comment boxes located in Alumni and lower Manser. It is important for us to get direct feedback from students so that we can be more influential and connected with the university and the students' needs. We look forward to a busy and productive spring semester. We invite all to come and share your issues with us. SGA is an organization created for you to express your views and make changes.

Lambda Chi Alpha works to regain charter

(Editor's Note: The following is a press release received from the Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity.)

The Beta Omega Zeta chapter of the Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity from Mansfield University is obeying a new rule to change the stereotypical fraternity life.

In October 2002, Lambda Chi Alpha lost its recognition from Mansfield University after receiving several town noise violations. During the weeks following the loss of recognition, the fraternity worked with Interim Vice President for Student Affairs Mike Lemasters and fraternity representative Robert Grow to find a way to regain recognition. It was decided that the fraternity's recognition would stay in the hands of the fraternity. When Grow finds that the chapter deserves its recognition back, he will recommend their reinstatement of recognition to the university.

One of the many steps being taken by Lambda Chi Alpha is a new alcohol policy for its members. The policy states, "The function of Lambda Chi Alpha at Mansfield University is dry. That simply means that our brothers agree not to drink alcoholic beverages at our events, and that no alcohol will be served."

There have been several stipulated differences between the new alcohol policy and that of the university's substance-free policy. The policy of the university states, "[Substance-free housing] allows students to pursue housing in areas free from smoking and alcohol use. As a part of the substance-free housing option, interested students are required to sign a substance-free covenant that requires them to abstain from alcohol, smoking and other intoxicating substances while living in the substance-free area."

At Lambda Chi Alpha, none of the brothers need to sign an agreement. The fraternity understands there is "responsible drinking" and those members Lambda Chi Alpha of legal drinking are allowed to do so on their own as long as they observe the policy at Lambda Chi events.

John Francis Murphy IV, chairman of the Beta Omega Zeta chapter, stated, "The policy is fair and we are ready to do whatever it takes to get our recognition back."

Murphy continued, "The brothers are looking to regain our recognition. That is the main

focus right now. The brothers are ready to do almost anything to get back in good standing (with the university)."

The fraternity has been working very hard to regain their recognition and have started scheduling different activities for the spring semester. Watch for flyers and announcements for Lambda Chi Alpha activities around campus. If you have any questions about Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity, e-mail Colin Coleman (Vice-Chairman and Public Relations) at colemanc@mnsfld.edu.

"Lambda Chi Alpha International Fraternity is one of the largest men's general fraternities in North America with more than 227,000 initiated members and has held subsidiaries (called chapters) at more than 300 universities. It was the first fraternity to eliminate pledging and remains a leader in the fight against hazing, alcohol abuse, and other challenges facing today's college students. Lambda Chi Alpha serves to complement higher education by providing opportunities for academic achievement, leadership, development, and lifelong friendships." (www.lambdachi.org)

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Clarke named new VP of Student Affairs

Shari Clarke, associate to the president at the University of Nebraska, has been named vice president for Student Affairs at Mansfield University.

The vice president for Student Affairs oversees residential life, athletics and recreation, student activities, the Student Center and bookstore, multicultural and international affairs, campus police and safety, placement and career services, and student orientation.

Clarke says she was initially attracted to Mansfield because of its size. "I think a smaller cam-

pus is ideal," she said. "It leads to greater opportunities for involvement and the exchange of ideas and is an optimum learning environment." And once she visited she found a "warmth of spirit" that made MU "an incredible fit for me."

"The students are so excited and engaged and the entire campus is focused on student learning," she said.

Clarke has been at her current position for two years. Before that she was special assistant to the president for diversity and equity

at Nebraska for three years. Prior to that she served as associate dean for multicultural student affairs at the University of Maine and director of multicultural student affairs at Whitman College in Washington.

Clarke brings extensive instructional, clinical and program management experience to Mansfield. After earning her bachelor's degree she worked as a social worker and then as a director of housing for the city of Toledo, Ohio.

She is currently completing work on her PhD in Educational

Leadership and Higher Education at Nebraska and will graduate in May. She earned a master's degree in College Student Personnel from Bowling Green State University in 1992 and is a 1983 graduate of Lane College in Tennessee, with a B.A. in Sociology.

Clarke will succeed Michael Lemasters, MU's director of residence life who has been serving on an interim basis since the retirement of Joseph Maresco in July 2002. She will assume her new duties on June 1.



MU PUBLIC RELATIONS
Shari Clarke, VP Student Affairs

What's going on at the Women's Center

By HILLARY GRUMBINE

Flashlight Writer

The Women's Center has been around on campus since the fall of 1995, but most people hadn't really heard about it until this past fall. The center was kept kind of quiet to be used as a resource for those who knew about it. Elizabeth Shaffer, the advocacy program's coordinator, has helped to make the Women's Center more public.

This semester the Women's Center will be doing a series of sessions entitled "A Dozen Ways To Beat Stress." The first two events of the series have gone over pretty well. Yoga was held in Laurel on Jan. 21, and Herbs for Health was on Tuesday night.

All events are held in the Women's Center except for the yoga. The stress series has a great line up of events for the students and you don't have to be a woman to participate in the fun.

"The stress series is brand new, we've never done anything like it before and it's open to everyone," Shaffer said.

Coming up in February, the stress series will be having an introduction to meditation, a massage information session and a lesson on how to manage stress with exercise. March and April bring music as a stress reliever with a drum circle, a session on being assertive, spirituality resources, diet and nutrition, how to let loose and have fun, a lesson in humor and finally, a wrap up of the semester with simple tips from Elizabeth Shaffer.

The sessions will be held every Tuesday night. Fliers and posters will be on campus to advertise the events.

Mondays can be a little tiring, but at the Women's Center every other Monday brings an entertaining night. Every other Monday is open mic night. Students can read, sing,

play an instrument, or just come to see what it's all about. If you've never been in the Women's Center, you should definitely make a visit. It has a very relaxed environment: couches, soothing color schemes, potted plants. It's a great environment for students to unwind.

"Last semester 34 people read, played or sang for the night. I'm hoping that eventually it becomes a very open forum for students," Shaffer said.

Last semester self-defense classes were offered and had a pretty steady turn out. Classes are taught by Deb Makatura, a certified American Women's Self Defense Association instructor. Groups can offer a session for their members, the student body and/or the community. Classes are free to everyone, but it's advised for women of the community to call ahead and reserve space. Classes are only offered to women because it is done

in conjunction with AWSDA. It's a special course designed for women by women.

There will also be two art exhibits running throughout February and March in the Women's Center. February's exhibit is by student artist Kristina Sherman and is entitled, "The Figurative Feminine Divinity: Past and Present."

In March, the Women's Center will be sponsoring an exhibit entitled, "Women in History, Life and Spirit." Submissions will be accepted by any MU student, staff or faculty member. All artwork must be submitted by Mar. 27. Entrants should know that due to limited space, their work may be juried. Entry tags and information are available from Shaffer or the art department.

A performance of *The Vagina Monologues* is being cosponsored by the Women's Center, Women's Studies and the Theatre

Department this semester. Auditions were held last week, but a performance date has not been set yet. All proceeds will go to help women who have been victims of violence.

The weekend of March 15, the Women's Center, Women's Studies, Campus Ministries and Multicultural Affairs are all cosponsoring a speaker, Jennifer Armstrong. Armstrong will be talking about women across cultures and self image in women in this culture. There will be various other speakers at the conference as well.

Shaffer is looking to start various groups on campus to help the campus as well. Groups supporting victims of sexual violence, and an Alcoholics Anonymous group are two of the three she's been thinking about. The third is a support group that is "non-problems specific." Shaffer believes that supporting others through good times and bad is very important. Through a holistic view of life, the non-problems specific group would benefit everyone involved.

Advocacy training will start next week through the Women's Center. Students can still apply online. "Men of Strength, Women of Power" is also a new idea for the Women's Center. It will honor people of both genders with integrity, mutual respect and non violence. People can be nominated and there will be a reception as well.

"People think that violence and rape is a woman's problem, but violence is everyone's problem," Shaffer said.

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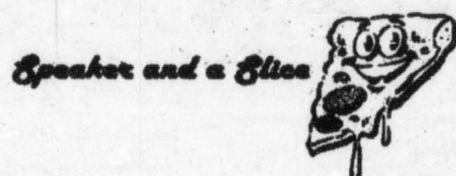
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Film Review: Catch Me if You Can

By ANDRE BENNETT

Flashlight Writer

Within a period of four years, Frank W. Abagnale, Jr. (Leonardo DiCaprio) jumped from career to career. He became an airline pilot for Pan-Am Airlines, and then a doctor in an Atlanta hospital, and finally an attorney practicing law in Louisiana. What made this all the more remarkable was that Frank hadn't yet graduated high school.

Steven Spielberg brings this story to the screen in style, giving it the feel of an old '60s caper flick at times, while at other points, injecting humanity and depth into the narrative as only he can do. *Catch Me If You Can* is great fun, with its daring teenage protagonist, a con man with enough confidence for dozens of people. However, it also gets into the characters' heads, adding a new dimension to the formula. It's the same old story of a lawman chasing a young crook, with the new knowledge of what drives their actions. Frank's motivation isn't simple, and it is heartbreaking to watch the early events that begin his life of crime.

Central to the film are two relationships: the bond between Frank and his father (Christopher Walken), a failing businessman, and the grudging respect shared by Frank and his pursuer, FBI agent Carl Hanratty (Tom Hanks). His parents' divorce drives him to run away from home, and to support himself, he turns to check



For his role as Frank Abagnale Jr., Leonardo DiCaprio was nominated for a best dramatic actor Golden Globe Award. www.empiremovies.com

fraud and confidence games. When that doesn't turn a profit, he decides to masquerade as an airline pilot, noticing that pilots seem to get quite a bit of respect...and female attention. Confidence is one thing Frank has in spades, as we see even in an early scene when he poses, convincingly, as a substitute teacher.

After seeing this film, I retracted every rotten comment I made about Leonardo DiCaprio. As Frank, he possesses the sort of suavity a con man needs to be successful, as

well as the necessary quantity for a ladies' man to be equally successful. But he also brings sensitivity to the core of the character, and longing. It is loneliness that drives Frank Abagnale to keep moving and to continue lying; loneliness and a deep yearning for a happy family life, something he almost succeeds in obtaining later in the film. As his paper trail lengthens, however, and as Hanratty grows more relentless, we seem him beginning to fray at the edges, making small but crucial mistakes. Frank becomes

paranoid, and Leo plays it wonderfully without missing a beat.

As Carl Hanratty, Tom Hanks seems to be having a lot of fun. Hanratty is a character similar to Tommy Lee Jones' Sam Gerard (from *The Fugitive*), in that he is a dogged pursuer, devoted to his job. But Jeff Nathanson's top-notch script affords a closer look into Hanratty's life. Here is a man who volunteers to work on Christmas Eve so that other agents can spend the holiday with their families. He has no sense of humor when it comes to his job, and a family life gone sour. Hanratty has nothing but his job, though as time goes on, he becomes attached to Frank, out of obsession with closing the case, respect for his opponent's abilities, and perhaps a mutual loneliness. I began to think that Frank and Carl might have been kindred spirits, and the last act of the film certainly goes a long way toward supporting my claim.

Catch Me If You Can is a wonderfully engaging picture, a chase film with a light comic touch and a sex appeal that I don't usually see in Spielberg's other films. It caps off a great year for Spielberg, proves that DiCaprio can convincingly front a good picture rather than an overlong piece of dreck like *Titanic*, and proves that Tom Hanks can never seem to do wrong. Given time, I'd love to catch it again.

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The Weekly His/Her Review

By Dylan Brucie & Theresa Benner

Confessions of a Dangerous Mind

Plot Summary

TV game show host and producer Chuck Barris recalls his double-life as a CIA operative in this autobiographical movie that could or couldn't be completely false.

He says:

Was it worth the money?

It was a good movie, but I would go to a cheap theater to see it.

What was boss?

It was really well acted, especially by Sam Rockwell, whose biggest part to date was Wild Bill in *The Green Mile*. The story was also really interesting.

What was bogus?

George Clooney's first attempt at directing was okay, but this movie would have been much better in a more experienced director's hands.

Overall Review:

As much as I liked this movie, if you're not into dark films you have to watch closely to understand, wait for this one to hit the campus movie channel. I give it 2 1/2 out of 4 stars.

She says:

Was it worth the money?

Definitely worth it but not a theatre must see. Just wait for the video.

What was radtastic?

I liked the cast, I liked the direction, and I liked the dark comedy. Sam Rockwell was amazing and Drew Barrymore plays a convincing ditz, go figure.

What was wicked confusing?

I don't want to give the movie away, but there is a confusing scene regarding the fate of George Clooney's character. I just want to know what really happened and not argue about it.

Overall Review:

I concur with Brucie; If you don't like dark comedies then avoid this film. I personally enjoyed it and I give it 2 1/2 out of 4 stars.



Concert review: Interpol



www.popmatters.com

By JACOB CASELLA

Flashlight Writer

On Saturday the 18th, I had the chance to see Interpol live in Ithaca, NY. The band is one of the most exciting and talented groups to come out of the NYC scene in the last few years, and their first full-length release, *Turn On The Bright Lights*, has met with great critical success. I had the good fortune to be right up front in the sold-out show at the Appel Commons.

After an excellent opening performance by Calla, Interpol took the stage, sporting their trademark dark suits and consummate haircuts (a style the band members claim to have struck upon individually). Without any drama or preamble the band launched into the largely-instrumental "Intro" that also begins their CD, and segued smoothly into the next song.

Interpol as a band contains a lot of individual talent, which allows them to do some very unique things. Guitar, bass, drums, and vocals often follow their own beat and melody entirely during most of a song, coming together at key points or diverging entirely at the end of the piece. Carlos Dengler on bass is often most responsible for

the melody, while Daniel Kessler creates scorching atmospheres out of rapid guitar techniques.

The band put on an intense performance, playing all of *Turn On The Bright Lights* and a few other songs as well. They built on a dark yet up-beat sound throughout the night, closing with the sublime "Obstacle 1", a song that exemplifies what makes Interpol such a great band. While drummer Sam Fogarino pounds out complex beats, Dan and Carlos paint a heavy sound-scape to back Paul Banks' vocals. The band returned for an encore of "Leif Erickson" and "Obstacle 2".

It's Banks' voice more than anything else that has stuck the band with the "new Joy Division" label. And, I have to say, it was and is a comparison that sticks with me. Like Joy Division's Ian Curtis, Banks is possessed of a mostly-monotone voice that he somehow endows with a great range of emotion. It's a measure of his talent that the average-looking Banks can fill lyrics like "she can't read, she can't read, she's bad" with emotional punch, even live and with no special lighting.

The Joy Division comparison needs to stop at the vocals,

though. This is not suicidal music, but rather a rich, dark kind of rock shot through with all kinds of fascinating instrumental interludes and abstract lyrical notes on odd relationships. Regardless of their success in certain elite circles, Interpol's band members are clearly all about the music. I have rarely seen rock musicians as focused on their craft as Dan Kessler and Carlos De. Whatever else they might be, all the members are talented musicians and seemed caught up in their own live compositions.

Although not the most gregarious band I've ever seen live, they seemed appreciative of the crowd, and calmly improvised a little bit while the stage crew dealt with a few technical problems. All in all, it was a very rewarding show, from one of the coolest new bands around. Interpol is one of a few bands I have seen live who fulfilled my "album expectations"-they certainly weren't worse than their release, but they didn't exceed it in jaw-dropping way, either. Interpol's live performance showcases the talent of its members remarkably well, and added a live intensity to their already-impressive work.

Random Ramblings

By RACHEL ADAMS
& COREY MEOLA

Flashlight News Editor and Flashlight
Writer

★ Commercial Bitch of the Week: That metal detector commercial where at the end the guy says, "My wife's proud of the weight I've lost, but she's really proud of this!" while holding up a diamond ring. What woman in her right mind would want a ring that someone dug out of the ground? Not only has it been underneath layers of dirt, getting pooped on by worms, it's SOME-ONE ELSE'S RING! If her husband is getting so rich digging up coins and what have you, you'd think he could just go out and buy her something nice.

☞ There are 1,462 kinds of bugs that

are known to be edible. Advantages to eating bugs include high protein, low fat, and you can raise your own food at home. For more info, you can check out www.eatbug.com. Just thought that everyone deserved to know this. I myself have never voluntarily eaten a bug. I did, however, learn the hard way to keep my mouth shut when riding my bike down a hill.

★ I don't understand why people wear headphones to walk from class to class on campus. Okay, I guess I can understand if you live off campus and have to walk a few blocks to class, but what's the use of turning on your CD player for a two-minute jaunt from Allen to Belknap? You can't even listen to a whole song, unless it's one of Brak's ditties from *Space Ghost*. I prefer to sing

songs in my head; you know, like that Mansfield classic, "Oh, My Jesus, It Feels Like F*#@ing Siberia Out Here."

☞ I have decided that Indiana is one of the more unpleasant states I have been to. Ohio is by far the most boring I have encountered thus far in my travels, but Indiana smells bad. Indianapolis smells like a fart and Gary (made famous by that song in *The Music Man* which you will now be singing for the rest of the day) is just scary. You couldn't pay me enough to even open a window in Gary. I advise all of you to just stay away from Indiana. (To anyone that lives in Indiana, I'm sure there are nice places to live, but Indianapolis and Gary do not fall into that category.)



★ So, in case you were wondering, the greatest rock band alive right now is the Datsuns. Ok, so, maybe they're not the greatest rock band alive, being that they blatantly rip off 70s rock riffs and sound like they own too many AC/DC records and would still argue over Led Zeppelin tracks if you felt like listening (or, even if you didn't feel like listening) but the point here is that they can rock. Really hard. But, you should already know all this because everyone should want to get their socks rocked off.

★ For whatever it's worth, I've thrown my support to that C.U.R.V. group because I think it's a good idea and because all you homophobes are annoying and deserve to get thrown into solitary confinement with angry silverback gorillas. (I guess, technically, that's not truly solitary confinement, but whatever.) Oh, and my roommate and I started our own group in response to all the idiots on campus, or really, all the idiots in the world, called Students With Weapons Against You. I'm not really advocating violence, but lots of people suck.

★ In some kind of older news, Fat Boy Freddie Durst and Brittany Spears seem to be hookin' it up, yo. That's sad because, even though I often find her annoying, she is still mad hott. And he's just mad annoying and acts like his crappy band has a reason to exist, which we all know it doesn't.

★ Oh. And the dude, Wayne, from the Flaming Lips has asked Justin Timberlake to play bass for them on their next recording. Here's to hoping the J-Tim can play bass with those gloves on.

★ Rumor according to online cd stores is that Thicke's album is coming out Tuesday, January 28, as in yesterday when this goes to print. Together we will hope that Alan Thicke's (yes, the dad from Growing Pains) son can come through because I've been waiting too long.

★ So there's this singer/songwriter/band thingy called Son, Ambulance or Ambulance Son. You pick because I don't care, but anyway, it rocks better than you do or anything you are listening to right now. Except for the Datsuns and Rye Coalition, of course.

★ Here's on thing that I don't get: How come Magnum, P.I. can't be on in the afternoon anymore? That's just dumb because the show rulez with a z.

TOP 15

Top Fifteen
Billboard Hot 100
Singles this week

1. "Bump, Bump, Bump," B2K & P. Diddy
2. "Beautiful," Christina Aguilera
3. "Cry Me A River," Justin Timberlake
4. "I'm With You," Avril Lavigne
5. "All I Have," Jennifer Lopez Featuring LL Cool
6. "03 Bonnie & Clyde," Jay-Z Feat. Beyonce Knowles
7. "Air Force Ones," Nelly Feat. Kyjuan, Ali & Murphy Lee
8. "Mesmerize," Ja Rule Feat. Ashanti
9. "Lose Yourself," Eminem
10. "Miss You," Aaliyah
11. "Don't Mess With My Man," Nivea Feat. Brian & Brandon Casey
12. "Landslide," Dixie Chicks
13. "Work It," Missy "Misdemeanor" Elliott
14. "The Game Of Love," Santana Feat. Michelle Branch
15. "In Da Club," 50 Cent

GEEKculture

By TODD BAILEY
Flashlight Writer

• Well my GEEKs, I have some amazing news for you this week! First and foremost, it has been confirmed that Christopher Reeve (Superman Series) will be making a special guest appearance on the WB's Smallville! If the role goes over well, it could possibly turn into a recurring character. I'm pumped for it!

• Hollywood Hulk Hogan made what was a very emotional return to the WWE last week on Smackdown. His return has definitely peaked this GEEK's interest. There were other forces at work last week that made me decide to turn the show on right as he was introduced. I admit it, I was choked up when the fans gave him like a 20 minute ovation. It was historical to say the least.

• I can't get enough of Grand Theft Auto: Vice City on PS2. That game is soooo addictive!

• In case you weren't watching the Superbowl this past Sunday, the Hulk trailer premiered during the first quarter and I must say that I now know for a fact that director Ang Lee (Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon) will not let us down! That trailer kicked more ass than anything that has ever kicked ass before!

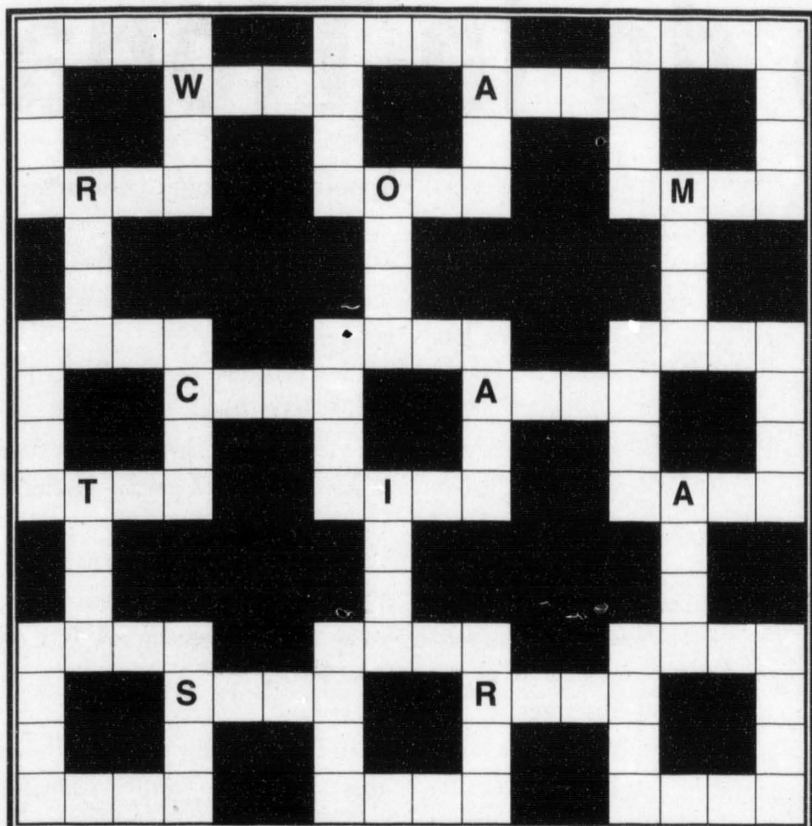
• There were many other commercials during the game that were also kick ass. My personal favorite is a draw between the dude with the "dogfro" in that beer commercial and the monkey in the Sierra Mist commercial....that was some high quality entertainment!

• Can you guys do the GEEK a personal favor?? Oh come on pleeceaaaseee??? It will save you money in the long run I promise! Ok! Please, by all means, DO NOT GO AND SUPPORT THAT DAMN MOVIE KANGAROO JACK!!! It is an insult to moviegoers around the globe! If you are gonna spend money on a movie, at least make it worth it! That movie makes me wish that motion picture had not been invented!

GEEK's random quote of the week:

"Why don't you go back to San Francisco with all the rest of the Jews!"
-Eric Cartman, season 1: An Elephant Makes Love to a Pig

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Last Week's Solution



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SNOWBALL
By Theresa Benner

RESIDENCE LIFE MOVIES

Channel 10

Scheduled moies for Jan./Feb. 2003

Thurs. 1/30	XXX	Serendipity	Ocean's 11	Meet The Parents
Fri. 1/31	Serendipity	Ocean's 11	Meet The Parents	XXX
Sat. 2/1	Ocean's 11	Meet The Parents	XXX	Serendipity
Sun. 2/2	Meet The Parents	XXX	Serendipity	Ocean's 11

Thurs. 2/6	Slackers	SHREK	What's The Wors t...?	No Mans Land
Fri. 2/7	SHREK	What's The Wors t...?	No Mans Land	Slackers
Sat. 2/8	What's The Wors t...?	No Mans Land	Slackers	SHREK
Sun. 2/9	No Mans Land	Slackers	SHREK	What's The Wors t...?

Thurs. 2/13	Jesus Christ...	Empires of India	Showtime	Crazy/Beautiful
Fri. 2/14	Empires of India	Showtime	Crazy/Beautiful	Sweetest Thing
Sat. 2/15	Showtime	Crazy/Beautiful	Sweetest Thing	Empires of India
Sun. 2/16	Crazy/Beautiful	Sweetest Thing	Empires of India	Showtime

Thurs. 2/20	XXX	Serendipity	Ocean's 11	Meet The Parents
Fri. 2/21	Serendipity	Ocean's 11	Parents	XXX
Sat. 2/22	Ocean's 11	Parents	XXX	Serendipity
Sun. 2/23	Parents	XXX	Serendipity	Ocean's 11

Finding something to do in Tioga

By NICK MORALES

Flashlight Writer

Surrounded by mountains from all corners, Tioga County has many hidden adventures and fun things for the community and Mansfield students to take part in.

With the beautiful landscape, from the mountain ranges, lakes, rivers or the small town atmosphere, Tioga County has something to offer all ages and personalities. As part of the university's "Speaker and a Slice series," Ruth Ann Shumway, a representative of the Tioga County Visitors Bureau spoke to interested students about the wide variety of things to do in the County last Wednesday in Memorial Hall.

If you are an outdoorsy type of person, this area will suit you quite nicely. Amongst the heavily wooded areas, Tioga County offers a wide range of things to do which include fishing, horseback riding, hiking, biking, and a large tourist attraction in the state, Pennsylvania's Grand Canyon.

"Living in this area most of my life, Tioga County offers everything that a major city can offer, but doesn't have the traffic. What makes it unique is the landscape that we are surrounded by. I

think that makes it a great tourist area," Shumway said.

For the hiking and biking enthusiasts, Pine Creek Rail Trail, which begins in Wellsboro, offers a 62 mile long trail that features horseback riding, biking trails and a paved path along sections of the trail. It provides many opportunities for sightseeing with rock outcrops, rare plants, wildlife, native red pine and American Yew trees along trail. For horseback riders, the Mountain Trail Horse Center in Wellsboro allows you to explore the wilderness of the county either on horseback or on a guided covered wagon trip that is popular among tourists. The Mountain Trail has access to over a half-million acres of state forest, as well as private lands. The covered wagon rides takes you into the heart of the canyon and they "go where motor vehicles cannot go-through country you didn't know existed." Mountain Trail Inc. also offers overnight trips ranging from 2 days/1 night to five days in length.

On the way up the mountain to PA's Grand Canyon lookout site sits Animaland Zoological Park. Open from May through October, Animaland offers a leisurely trail where you can see over 200 ani-

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mals, birds, reptiles and exotic pets. The trail also features contact areas in which visitors can pet or feed the animals. The zoo also has a snack bar and 'very unusual' gift shop decorated in a zoo theme. Animaland offers a discount to Mansfield University students while the park is in session.

If you want to get away from the hectic life and stress that college brings, Tioga County has over 1100 miles of stocked and native trout streams.

Whether you are into warm water fishing or ice fishing, the county has 44 lakes, streams and rivers from you to choose from. Reel yourself into the fly fishing, catch and release areas, or discover the numerous lakes full of trout, perch, large and small-mouth bass, yellow perch, blue gill and an occasional muskie or walleye.

Just north of US Route 6 and midway between Mansfield and Wellsboro lies Hills Creek State Park. Many recreational opportunities await visitors year round as they offer swimming, fishing, ice fishing, hiking, boating, camping, picnicking and weekend cabin rentals for overnight trips.

If you enjoy different types of festivals, including arts and crafts, food and community events, here is a listing of

upcoming events in the area:

2/9- Acoustic and Bluegrass Jam at the Rock L. Butler Middle School in Wellsboro
2/15- Winter Weekend at Hills Creek State Park
2/15- Harley Davidson 100th Anniversary at Lance's Harley in Mansfield
3/8- Gun and Sportsmen Show at the Morris Firehall, Morris
3/22- Maple Fest at Hills Creek State Park.

"In the next few months, the visitors bureau and Mansfield University will be working on getting an information booth/visitors center put in on campus," Shumway said. If you are interested in these attractions, you can go to the Alumni Hall Student Center Information Desk for a selection of brochures about activities and tourist areas in the county. You can also go to www.visittiogapa.com or call the Tioga County Visitors Bureau at 1-888-Tioga28.

This was the first speaker in Mansfield's "Speaker and a Slice" series. On Thursday, Clarence Crisp, Director of Student Affairs will be speaking on the topic of 'fun things to do at MU' in Memorial

Super commercials pay big 'bucs' to entertain audiences

By DAN LESAGE

Flashlight Writer

Sometimes the Super Bowl lives up to the expectations, hype and "Super" reputation, as was the case in last year's big game, when the New England Patriots defeated the St. Louis Rams on a last-second field goal. And sometimes you get a real anticlimactic blowout, as was the case when the Tampa Bay Buccaneers routed the Oakland Raiders. Regardless, the many viewers of the Super Bowl usually are not disappointed because of the outstanding commercials.

The Super Bowl generally draws about 125 million viewers around the world, easily making it the most watched television event of almost every year. In turn, companies such as long-time Super Bowl advertiser Budweiser pay \$2.2 million for each thirty second commercial during the game.

Since they are paying so much for these commercials to air, advertisers obviously want their commercial to be memorable, something that is discussed at

the water cooler the next day. This year's game certainly featured its share of fun commercials.

In a poll of students, the runaway winner for favorite commercial was Federal Express's "Castaway" commercial, a satire of the movie of the same name. The premise of the commercial is that a FedEx worker returns from five years stranded on a desert island to deliver a package. Out of curiosity, he has the woman open the package in front of him, and finds that there was a satellite phone, GPS tracking system, water purifier, and fruit seeds in the package. 52% of students polled chose this as their favorite.

Other student favorites included the Budweiser "Clown suit" commercial, receiving 32% of the votes, "Michael Jordan versus Michael Jordan" Gatorade commercial receiving 8% of the votes, and "Terry Tate, Office Linebacker" also receiving 8% of the votes. Many also expressed excitement for the commercials previewing the highly anticipated "The Hulk" and "Matrix 2" movies, as well as "Anger Management."

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From the Editor's Desk: *War for the right reasons?*

By DYLAN BRUCIE

Flashlight Editor-in-Chief

Well, weapons inspectors report that Iraq is not being as cooperative with the inspections as we had hoped. America is getting ready for war.

Everyday we are getting one day closer to war. Maybe I'm completely off, but it almost seems like this is what Bush wants and has been hoping for. After all, what better way to boost your chances of re-election than to start a war with a country that stands no chance against us and killing a whole lot of people while doing it (both from our country and the opposing one.) You know, there's a reason why a lot of the rest of the world considers us imperialist bullies- we act like it.

I know there are two sides to this whole debate, and I listen to and understand the arguments for this war, but I'm still not convinced. We're going after Iraq not because they've committed an act of aggression against us, but because they might someday? That's like going up to some person that you don't get along with and breaking their arm because there's a chance they might try to hit you. It sounds ridiculous, yet that's pretty much what we're doing.

I loved the great John Stewart's take on the situation when he said, "We have to stop them from producing

weapons of mass destruction! ...with our weapons of mass destruction... wait a minute...." So basically, we're the most powerful country in the world and we want to keep it that way. We'll never admit to being hypocrites though.

Why didn't we care when India and Pakistan were developing nuclear weapons a few years ago? Is it because we have great relations with both of these countries? Is it because they're never going to pose us any threat? Or is it because we have no interest in the oil these countries produce?

Before we send a lot of our soldiers over to die to prevent things that haven't happened yet, why don't we really think it over and decide why our politicians really want us over there. Also think about what we'd be accomplishing. I can tell you now that it probably won't stop terrorism in the world. And if Iraq hates us now, I'm sure they're going to be thrilled with us after we start bombing their cities (again) and killing more families.

Lastly, if/when we do go to war and this escalates, there's a chance they could reinstate the draft, meaning people like me and you could end up in some foreign place fighting a war while the politicians sit safely at home and wait for the death toll to come in. Why did the U.S. stop its isolation policy all those years ago again?

Letter to the editor: *Ignorant students at Manser*

Dear Editor,

I am writing to The Flashlight on something that I see repeatedly and think is very uncalled for, or in other words- ignorant. Why are some Mansfield University students so ignorant? There have been several times I have been into the Mountie Den and seen trash all over the tables. There is a trash can at each end of Manser. You can not leave Manser without walking by a garbage can. Why is it so hard to throw your trash away? What is so hard about it? Why are people so lazy they can't take care of their trash, but instead leave it for the lady who cleans the area? One time over the last week I was talking to the lady

that was cleaning up the eating area where approximately four students left their garbage on the table and I said to her, "That's ignorant that they leave their trash for you to pick up." She replied to me, "Yes, I know. But it does no good to ask them to take care of it and it is the same people doing it over and over. My six year old at home knows to take care of his stuff when finished with it. Makes you wonder what these people were brought up like." So people, "mama don't live here," so let's take care of our trash and make Mountie Den a better, cleaner place.

Thanks for your time,
Gregg Turner

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Letter to the editor: Fears for the future

Dear Editor:

I've heard about some of these new laws that take away our rights to privacy in order to "protect" us. Frankly, it scares me. There might be good intentions behind them, but you know these laws will get twisted just like every other one has. I'm sure the founders of the Constitution did not have pornography in mind when they wrote about freedom of expression. Yet, lawyers have been able to justify the production and sale of pornography by evoking the 1st Amendment all the same. Maybe these new terrorism laws are in place to prevent further terrorist attacks, but how long will it take before a corrupt Congressman twists this law in order to spy

on individuals who might have dirt on him/her? What if someone is very prominent in the anti-war movement? Will they be spied on based on the possibility that they might be sympathetic towards Iraq? I am very much against a war with Iraq, but that is because I am sympathetic to the innocent people that will die, and not to their leader. I don't keep up with the news very well, but from what I understand, these laws were basically sitting on the table until after the Mid-term Elections. . . the elections that put Republicans in charge of the Senate and the House. This scares me as well. I have often disagreed with decisions that Bush makes, and in the past, the Democratic majority in the House and the

Senate has helped to prevent Bush from doing all that he would like to do. This is not the case anymore. It's like we now have a dictatorship, but it's run by a large group of old men instead of just one. If that doesn't scare you, I think it should. The thing that really bothers me about all of this is that many people, like yourself, have written or spoken out about the potential dangers that these new laws present to the American way of life. But what good does it do? These politicians that we vote into office rarely take the opinion of the American people into consideration. Why? Because they don't have to. They have power, and we don't. I hate politics.

-Sara Kauffman

Letter to the editor: Are Democrats really helping?

Editor:

If anybody should have to pay for slavery, it should be the Democrats. For the past seventy years they have kept the poor and their children illiterate and in poverty. We are not allowed to pen wild animals, but it was all right for the Democrats to spend millions of tax dollars to build high-rise apartments to pen up the poor people. The Democrats passed a law to keep the poor people from trying anything on their own to better themselves. The poor people were allowed to destroy their apartments. They were allowed to have more and more babies; that way the Democrats could start more and more poverty programs which are not created to help the poor, but to have a bigger, more powerful, make-believe, soap opera bureaucratic state and federal empire. Put yourself in the poor children's shoes. No father. The mother does not have the time to take care of you because she has to find another stupid sperm donor so she can have another baby and the Democrats can start

more poverty programs. The Democrats are controlling the poor children's lives by keeping them illiterate and in poverty, destroying their hopes and dreams, their respect for themselves and their fellow man, forcing them to be out of control drug dealers, users, killers, bank robbers, car jackers and house burglars. No, the Democrats did not want the poor children to have educations or job training. They didn't want to lose control of the poor people's lives. It was all right for the Democrats to force the poor children to be lawbreakers, providing jobs for police, lawyers, judges, bail bondsman, guards and undertakers. Is this what our forefathers wanted for the poor people in America? Think for a moment what would America be like today if the goal of the Democrats seventy years ago were to give the poor children a chance to reach a higher standard of living. I am sure we would not have to pay so much for a make-believe government and crime and violence.

-Edwin Stricker

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Buss hits 1,000 as women end six game losing skid

Last year, Damar Lopez hit the milestone. A few weeks ago so did Brett Longpre. Now joining the elite 1,000 point club is senior guard Allyson Buss.

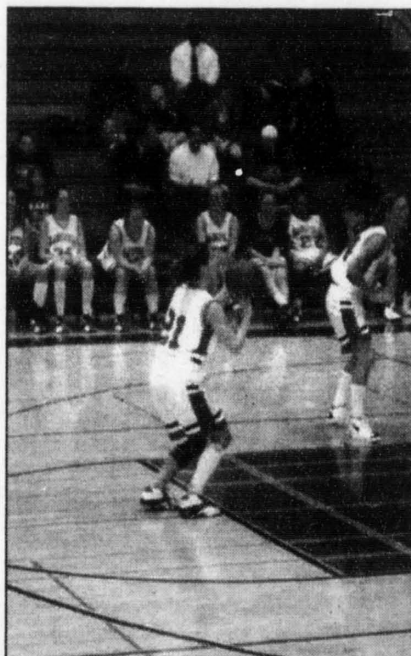
Entering the Jan. 15 game against the Golden Bears of Kutztown, Buss needed just six points to reach the mark. She did so with 10:52 remaining in the first half off a three point shot. Buss finished with a game high 20 points for the Mounties. Despite the accomplishment, the Mounties fell short to Kutztown 68-59.

"It's hard to explain just how much Allyson Buss has meant to this team and this program," said coach Ruth Henderson.

"I'm sure Allyson would give up all 1,000 points to get a win tonight. It's disappointing that we couldn't win for her on this milestone night."

This past week, the Mounties hit hard times adding to their losing streak with key losses to Millersville (67-40) and to Bloomsburg (86-76). Through the streak, Mansfield dropped to 5-11 overall and to 0-3 in the PSAC East standings.

The Mounties were able to overcome the six game losing streak when Cheyney came to town. Mansfield was led by junior forward Rachel Rieder who recorded a double-double with 13 points and a career high



AMY KENDIG/FLASHLIGHT
Allyson Buss attempts a free throw during the Mounties 66-62 win over Cheyney.

21 rebounds in the Mounties 66-62 win over Cheyney.

The game was pretty close when halftime neared as the Mounties were only up two points at the end of the first half. The second half was more of the same as both teams were going back and forth. Despite Cheyney's 17-8 run in the first nine minutes, their lead was only 48-41 with 11:10 to play.

Senior guard Lynelle Mosley hit a key three pointer with less than two minutes remaining. The Mounties were red hot behind the arc shooting 60 percent for the game.

Mosley's three pointer was key as the Mounties held Cheyney scoreless from that point on.

"Rachel was just awesome today," said Henderson. "We really needed a win today and the whole team worked very hard to get it. Everyone contributed something. Lynelle hit the three pointer to give us the lead with less than two minutes left, and Stephanie and Allyson were clutch down the stretch."

With the win, the Mounties end their six game losing streak and improve to 6-11 overall and 1-3 in the PSAC East standings.

Houck and Popavic lead a young swim team

By CHAD LANDERS
Flashlight Sports Writer

One time zone, 2189 miles, and 90 degree weather is what separated Mansfield University's women's swim team from the rest of the students on winter break.

The swim team flew to Acapulco, Mexico for eight days of training.

Seven women made the flight with Coach Danita Fox to sunny Mexico. A six year veteran coach, Fox had her team up and ready to swim at 5:15 a.m.

"It was a good experience," Fox said. "We trained really hard."

Mansfield's swim team trained four hours every day in the water and conditioned for an hour outside of the water. The trip wasn't all training though. On the last day, the Mounties faced East Stroudsburg University in relays. When the team returned home, the hardest adjustment wasn't the weather, but rather the pool temperature.

A week after returning from Mexico, the Mounties swam against a good Millersville team. Although losing the meet 119-77, the team pleased their coach.

"Millersville had more talent than we did, but my ladies worked hard," Fox said. "They're all swimming much better in this part of the season."

Those performing well for Mansfield include Katie Houck, Andrea Popovic, and Charity Learn.

Houck is returning to the pool this year after red-shirting the prior year due to a torn right shoulder lig-

ament.

Houck finished second in both the 100 and 50 freestyle. Popovic, a recruit from Yugoslavia, finished first in both the 1000 and 500 freestyle. Learn finished second behind Popovic in the 1000 and 500 freestyle events.

Millersville gave the Mounties a 2-6 record, but the swim team added a win by beating Wells College 109-70.

"We swam well today, but we could've been better," Fox said.

Melissa Recchiuti and Stephanie Camp did well for the Mounties. Both Learn and Houck did well too, despite Houck being sick and most everyone else swimming in events which they are not accustomed.

Fox sees it as a challenge to coach such a young and small team.

"This is my first time with such a young team. My ladies swim well during the week, but tend to lose focus on Saturdays," Fox said. "It's also difficult to plan a strategy with such a small team. It limits the options."

Fox appointed two captains to lead the Mounties this year. When Sarah Davis graduated in December, Fox selected Kelly Coyle to join Houck as co-captain.

With only one meet at East Stroudsburg and an invitational at East Stroudsburg left, PSAC Championships are right around the corner.

So far, Houck and Popovic have qualified for two events each. "I'm really proud of both ladies," Fox said. "Hopefully, more will join them at PSACs."

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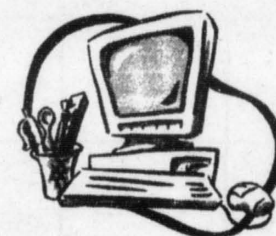
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On the Sidelines: Theresa Stanford

By CHAD LANDERS
Flashlight Sports Writer

In a semester that produced one of the best seasons for Mansfield University's cross-country team, it's not surprising that a senior is stepping into the role of leader. Coatesville native Theresa Stanford, a senior majoring in Special and Elementary Education, has begun to exert her senior leadership on the team.

Stanford recently broke the women's indoor track mile-run record. Coach Rohl will look for more good efforts from his senior runner as the season continues. As far as Theresa is concerned, she's having nothing but "Ahhhhhhh, Good times".

Chad Landers: What's the best part about running?

Theresa Stanford: I get the biggest thrill by just finishing the races.

CL: Is the Mountie track team respected by the students yet?

TS: It was awful when I was a freshman, but support has gotten better since then.

CL: Is it ever too cold to go running?

TS: I like to run in the cold, but not when it goes into the negative temperatures.

CL: Do you enjoy any other sports?

TS: Yes, I love basketball. Allen Iverson is my favorite player.

CL: What do you do for fun at Mansfield?

TS: I love to hang out with my Maple crew. Sometimes we do



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karaoke.

CL: What are your future goals?

TS: I really want to be a teacher in Philadelphia. Maybe after that I can train to be in a marathon.

CL: How do you feel George W. Bush is doing as president?

TS: All right, I guess. I'm not much for politics.

CL: If they re-instated the draft and you had to join, what branch of the military would you choose?

TS: I like the Coast Guard. My grandfather served in it.

CL: What's your dream job?

TS: My goal is to teach fifth grade or special education.

CL: What one word best describes you?

TS: I'm going to say energetic. I always have a lot of energy.

CL: What's your favorite food?

TS: I love chocolate. I'm

always eating it.

CL: What's your favorite cereal?

TS: I like Cheerios, but I normally eat Cinnamon Apple Nutri-grain bars for breakfast.

CL: What's your favorite movie?

TS: Well, it usually changes every week, but my favorite right now is "A Walk to Remember".

CL: What music do you listen to?

TS: I love all kinds of music, except country. I really like Enya.

CL: What's the best concert you've been to?

TS: I went to the Smashmouth on campus, but now I want to see Shania Twain in concert.

Indoor Track Schedule

February

1/2 at DeSchrive Invite,
East Stroudsburg University

8 at Susquehanna University

14/15 Bucknell Bison Open
and Pentathlon

22 at Cornell University

March

1/2 at PSAC Conference, East
Stroudsburg University

Boxing club punches back for another round

By AMY KENDIG
Flashlight Sports Writer

Last semester ended on a positive note for the Mansfield University Boxing Club and the "eye of the tiger" motivation certainly has come back for this semester.

Almost all of the students who participated last semester returned, and there have been new interests from many freshmen; apparently boxing is becoming a greater part of the university.

"There are more involved people in the club this semester, but as far as attendance, we would love to have more people come down and see what we're all about," said co-captain Jason Ficken.

Besides attendance growing, head coach Dennis Garner, has acquired two new assistant coaches to help him with training the athletes.

"They allow the students to get more independent training time and they help to make them stronger because the more often you box, the better you will get," said Coach Garner.

As far as training goes, the athletes have a much tougher and tedious workout. "We have a tougher conditioning workout this semester, having two specialized cardio days a week, but it's what we need to get stronger and they push us to the limit," said captain Mike Ross.

The coaches also had to do a little bit of "creative training" because of lack of facilities since Maple B was shut down.

This high potential team is excited for their first boxing show that is coming up Feb. 1. Whether they are old or new members, they are ready to fight.

"I am extremely excited mainly because two of my matches last semester were canceled since I was injured," said Ross.

There are high hopes that the team will do well this semester and with this being such a highly

dedicated and hard working team, Coach Garner can ask nothing less than the best from them.

"After the first show the assistant coaches and myself can see what they can bring to the ring and if they give me their best, I am satisfied," said Coach Garner.

However, no matter how well Coach Garner and his assistant coaches want their athletes to do, safety is always the number one concern when competing. When fighting in a match, the overall attitudes of the coaches is for the team to have fun and fight well, but they will never allow a knockout to happen if they see one of the athletes having trouble.

Besides safety as being a number one priority the coaches' goal, as well as the teams' goal, is for the team to go to nationals and bring home the gold.

"I am impressed with the talent of the team, and I am looking forward to having a lot of wins this semester," said Ross.

The Boxing Club already has one silver medal and four bronze medals; this year they are looking to bring home the ultimate prize, the gold medal.

Coach Garner has been working with boxing for about 27 years, and it is visible that boxing is a growing interest and his athletes could not be more thankful.

"We really appreciate Coach Garner for coming because without him this boxing club would not have happened and the assistant coaches are contributing a lot to the overall ability and conditioning of the boxers," said Ficken.

The Mansfield Boxing Club will have their first show Feb. 1 in Decker Gymnasium at 3:00 p.m. and 7:00p.m. The Boxing Club will be competing against Lock Haven, Penn State University, Virginia Military Institute, and possibly George Washington University.

This Week in Mountie Sports

Mansfield Sports Weekly	Wednesday 1/29	Thursday 1/30	Friday 1/30	Saturday 2/1	Sunday 2/2	Monday 2/3	Tuesday 2/4
Indoor Track				DeSchrive Invite ESU	DeSchrive Invite ESU		
Men's Basketball				West Chester Away 3p.m.			
Swimming				East Stroudsburg Away			
Women's Basketball				West Chester Away 1p.m.			

Kelchner Center remains haven for fun & games

By MICHAEL PETERS

Flashlight Writer

Over the course of a semester, a student's mind is tested repeatedly. Writing papers and taking exams for 15 weeks will take a lot out of a person.

Between homework, research papers and final exams, it is tough to find time to clear your mind and have a little fun. It is important that you get involved and have some fun on campus. Thanks to Hugh Schintzius, Mansfield University students will have a full semester of intramural sports.

Among the many intramural sports offered will be basketball, indoor and outdoor softball, racquetball, indoor soccer, co-ed volleyball and indoor flag-football. There will also be "free throw shooting" and "hot shot jump shot contests." These activities will take place at the Kelchner Fitness Center, with the exception of out-

door softball. Outdoor Softball will be played at the recreational field.

Many students will be needed to participate in each of these sports.

"Teams have between 6 and 12 players, depending on the sport," said Schintzius.

The games are organized by Schintzius, but the teams are created by the participants.

Schintzius spends hours in preparation for these games.

"I spend several hours training the officials for every sport," said Schintzius. "I also spend time writing and posting the schedules and results for each game."

"We have intramural sports at Mansfield because a number of students like organized, competitive team activities to have fun and get some exercise, in addition to the open 'drop in' games," said Schintzius.

Staier grabs another win; Indoor track impresses many at Susquehanna

By JENNIFER A. NELSON

Flashlight Sports Co-Editor
Endurance. Hard-working.
Stamina. Determination.

All these words sum up the young career of freshman Adam Staier.

He won the 3,000 meter race walk held at the Greater Boston Track Club a few weeks ago.

Staier's time qualified him for the USATF National Indoor Track and Field Championships in March.

On Jan. 25, the indoor track

team spiced up the Susquehanna Invitational. Charity Learn captured first place in the 5000 meters, crushing the school's record. Stephanie Cadwell and Erin Brunelle each placed third in their events, the 200 meter and 5000 meter, respectively. Cadwell also fared well in the high jump with a 4'08" mark.

Melissa Gore held her own as one of the top 10 finishers for the women. Gore vaulted at 9-0. Katie Heil's weight-throw and shot put events helped her win a

top spot.

Jeremy Bochert placed fourth in the 5000 meter run with a time of 16:19.07. Nate Reider, Jason Blozousky and Luke Walker placed among the top 10 for the men.

In team competition, the Mountie men's distance medley team finished third at 10:52.70.

Mansfield will continue PSAC competition on Feb. 1 and 2 when they travel to East Stroudsburg for the DeSchrive Invite.

2003 NBA All-Stars

East

Starters: Allen Iverson, Tracy McGrady, Vince Carter, Jermaine O'Neal, and Ben Wallace

West

Starters: Kobe Bryant, Steve Francis, Kevin Garnett, Tim Duncan, and Yao Ming

This Week In Sports...Super Blow Out!

UGO 'JOE' BARBANO

Flashlight Sports Writer

In spite of the final score, Super Bowl XXXVII was entertaining right down to the final gun; unless, of course, you were rooting for Oakland.

It has become a cliché that "defense wins Super Bowls," but, in this case, that not far from the truth. The "Pirates in Pewter Pants" held the NFL's #1 offense to just two offensive touchdowns and 269 yards in total offense. Meanwhile, that same Buccaneer defense returned three of the five interceptions thrown by NFL MVP Rich Gannon for touchdowns.

How ironic was it that just seconds after John Madden and Al Michaels announced Dexter Jackson as the Super Bowl MVP (for his two interceptions), Dwight Smith would return HIS second interception for

his SECOND TD? The entire defensive unit could have been MVP, except that the league only gives away one car with the award!

The Pro Football Hall of Fame announced its newest members on Saturday. With the addition of the five listed below, the HOF membership will grow to 221 enshrinees. Anyone with an appreciation for the pro game ought to make the road trip to Canton, OH for all the festivities. This year, it will all start with the annual parade on Saturday, August 2, continue on Sunday, with the induction Ceremony at Fawcett Stadium, adjacent to the football shrine, then conclude on Monday Night, with the Hall of Fame game in the same stadium. It is well worth the trip, but make sure you plan ahead if you want to find lodging close to the festivities. The Hall of Fame Class of 2003 is:

James Lofton, WR, Green Bay/Oakland/Buffalo

Elvin Bethea, DE, Houston Oilers

Marcus Allen, RB, Oakland/Kansas City

Hank Stram, Coach, Dallas Texans/Kansas City/New Orleans

Joe DeLamielleure, G, Buffalo/Cleveland

Baseball Commissioner Bud Selig actually sounded like the voice of reason recently. In an effort to avoid another All-Star Game embarrassment, Selig proposed that the winning league would have home field advantage in the World Series.

Not a bad idea, really. It would be a first for professional sports; an All Star Game that actually means something. With tickets selling between \$175 and \$275, the fans would be getting more bang for the buck. One small problem though-the players



Yahoo Sports

Tampa Bay's defense was the key to their Super Bowl victory over the Oakland Raiders.

HATE the idea. I'm betting they'll change their tune when those All-Star incentive bonuses disappear from their guaranteed contracts.

Was it my imagination, or weren't the Super Bowl commercials as good this year as they were in the past? Usually, there's about a half

dozen that will get a chuckle out of me. This year, only three did the trick. My top three were:

1. Pepsi Twist-The Ozzy Osborne Nightmare
2. Budweiser-Instant Replay Zebra
3. Dodge Trucks-Choking on Beef Jerky



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Mounties hold steady in PSAC

By SARAH STOERMER

Flashlight Sports Writer

The Mansfield University men's basketball team played the opening game of the PSAC East season on Jan. 15.

The Mounties played a strong game but eventually fell to Kutztown, 79-76. Despite the loss, our Mountaineers proved themselves to be a team full of strength and determination. Brett Longpre' laid a thick foundation for the Mountaineers in the first half, where he scored 16 of his 21 game points. Mansfield led the Golden Bears as they headed to the locker rooms during half time, 46-40.

With 9:38 left on the clock, a lay-up by Kris Gibbs-Smith put Mansfield up by 7. Over the next five minutes of the game, Kutztown went on a 16-4 run, pushing them ahead 71-66 with 4:38 remaining on the clock.

Bill McNeil lashed out scoring several points to bring Mansfield back on top. McNeil's efforts left the Mountaineers to a 74-71 lead at the 2:13 mark. With only 25 seconds on the clock the Golden Bears tied the game 74-74. Kutztown continued to surge ahead by hitting three free throws for a 77-74 advantage over Mansfield with only 11 seconds on the clock.

McNeil was fouled while attempting a three-pointer. McNeil missed the first shot but hit the last two to put the Mounties ahead by one, 77-76. As a sigh of relief swept over Mansfield fans, they remained on the edge of the seat; the game was not over yet.

With less than four seconds left on the clock, Kutztown's Jeff Brickus tackled two free throws handing Kutztown a 79-76 win. Brickus held his own on the court playing a strong game for Kutztown. He scored 23 points for the Golden Bears.

McNeil led both teams in scoring a season high of 30 points. Longpre' hit 21 points for the

Mountaineers. Gibbs-Smith brought 14 points home for Mansfield.

With this loss, Mansfield fell 11-5 overall and 0-1 in the PSAC East.

Mansfield dropped in the PSAC once more on Jan. 18, to Millersville. The game was held in Decker where the stands were packed with students yielding Mansfield T-shirts and sweatshirts as well as waving red and black pom-poms.

Mountaineer Country was draped in Mountaineer pride.

The Mountaineers and the Pirates were tied through the majority of the first half as they went into halftime at 31-29.

At the 9:53 mark in the second half a 19-12 run by Millersville allowed them to surge ahead 52-41. Refusing such a lead by the pirates, the Mountaineers responded with a 14-3 run of their own, cutting the lead to one with 4:28 left on the clock. Mansfield had two chances to take the lead. Unfortunately, both shots missed their mark.

Offensively, Mansfield still played a strong game. Bill McNeil, Kris

Gibbs-Smith, and Jason Roscoe all scored 11 points while Ian Connor scored 10 points for the Mountaineers.

With this loss, Mansfield fell 11-6 overall and 0-2 in the PSAC East.

On Jan. 22, Mansfield defeated Bloomsburg 73-67, giving them their first win in the PSAC this season.

Mansfield started off strong. Only three minutes into the game, Ian Connor hit a three-pointer that put Mansfield ahead 8-0. Bloomsburg immediately took a time-out in order to regroup. Longpre' played a good game, managing to score 10 of his 17 overall game points in the first half of the game.

Defensively, the Mounties appeared to be very strong and sta-



AMY KENDIG/FLASHLIGHT

Brett Longpre' and Bill McNeil combined for 59 points in the Mounties 83-78 win over Cheney.

ble. In the first half alone, Mansfield was able to force 10 turnovers. They cleared the courts at halftime with 37-28 on the board.

With 8:39 left in the second half, Ian Connor made a lay up pushing the Mounties to a 13-point lead, 58-45. Fighting to hold on and stay in the game, Bloomsburg went on a 16-8 run cutting Mansfield's lead to five points, 64-59 with only 3:11 remaining.

The Mountaineers were able to hold on to their lead and played an impressive game overall. Quick defensive rebounds by Glen Jackson linked with perfect timing and clutch foul shooting from Longpre' held Mansfield together. Mansfield's defense pulled out 25 turnovers.

Key players in the game - Longpre', Gibbs-Smith, McNeil and Connor - played to dazzle. Longpre' hit 17 points for the Mountaineers. Gibbs-Smith and McNeil followed closely with 15 points each. Connor played hard handing Mansfield 12 points as well as eight rebounds.

"Anytime you can get a conference win you should be happy", said

a very proud head coach Vince Alexander, "Brian Bryant's return to the line-up was a much needed spark. But, we need to be able to finish off teams."

With this win, Mansfield improves 12-6 over and 1-2 in the PSAC.

On Jan. 26, Mansfield went up against Cheney University where they managed to pull out another PSAC victory. The dynamic duo of McNeil and Longpre' combined to bring Mansfield an astounding 59 points. The pair led Mansfield to an 83-78 win over Cheney.

Only two minutes into the game, the Mountaineers took the lead on a three-pointer by Longpre', 5-2. The Mounties kept the lead for the remainder of the first half. At times, the Mounties were ahead by as much as 10 points. By half time, Cheney cut the lead to two, 35-33, on a 23-12 run.

The crowd in Decker Gymnasium roared throughout the second half as Cheney and Mansfield played back and forth until McNeil shocked the crowd

with a backdoor dunk on an assist from Brian Bryant. This crowd-pleasing stunt started a 24-17 run. At the 3:34 mark, Mansfield was up by 10.

Longpre' led Mansfield in scoring with a mouth-dropping 32 points and a team high of five boards. Gibbs-Smith added 13 points and grabbed three key steals for Mansfield.

Melvin Eason, of Cheney, led his team in scoring. He brought down 22 points against our Mountaineers.

"It was a great team victory today," said Alexander. "Everyone took the extra pass, dove for the loose balls, and played an overall unselfish game. Of course having Brett and Bill combine for 59 points is hard to ignore and they both had great games."

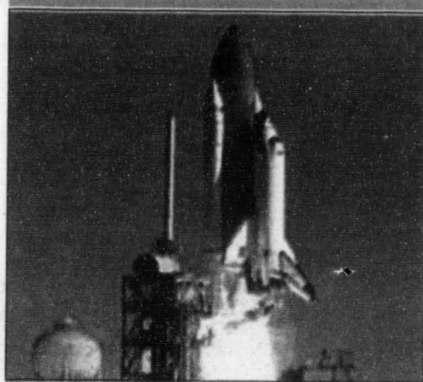
With this win, Mansfield moves up 13-6 overall and 2-2 in the PSAC.

The Mountaineers play their next game at West Chester on Feb. 1.



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Mansfield Activities Council gears up for the semester ahead

By HILLARY GRUMBINE

Flashlight Writer

This semester Mansfield Activities Council is reestablishing itself on campus. With three new members on the executive board and an enthusiastic group of members, MAC is ready to take on a new semester here at Mansfield University.

MAC continues to sponsor activities at the Hut, with various dances in all styles of music. Its musical tastes this year seem to be running the gamut.

Usually, MAC has some sort of concert and, as most know, it's an alternative band. This semester, however, with the new look, they're also trying some new techniques to appeal to different students on campus, rather than the average alternative music listener. They've made an offer to the group 112, famous for its song "Peaches 'N Cream."

That does not mean that 112 will be coming here, however. What it

does mean is that they've made a bid and are waiting to hear back from them as to whether they will perform here. Usually a musical act will schedule a group of events in the same region. So 112 might end up doing other shows in the northern Pa./southern N.Y. area if they accept MAC's bid.

Spring Fling is another tradition at MU. Bands are hired and play all day long while students can mingle and have refreshments. Spring Fling will be on April 25

and it will be held outside, weather permitting. The bands set to play are not being released yet, because it's not all final yet.

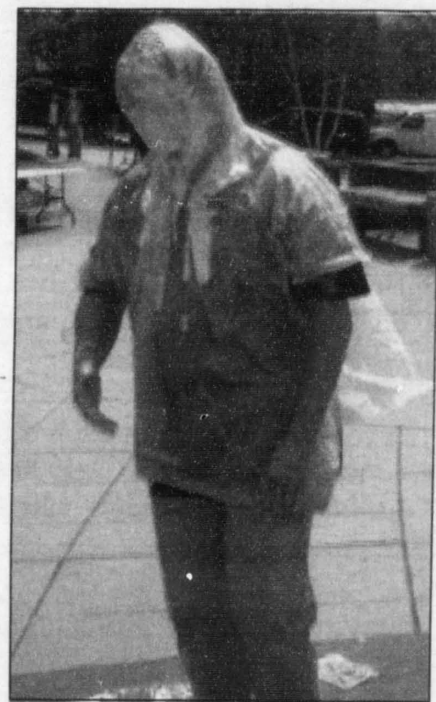
"By the end of the month we should know and have some things finalized," Clarence Crisp, MAC advisor said. As of right now, MAC has a bid in to First Time Out which is an MTV-related activity that brings in four up and coming bands to showcase them to younger people.

The Jazzman series of music is also bringing back some popular acts this semester. Sara Wheeler, a folk singer, is slated to come back for a third appearance.

Bus trips have also become popular on campus. Students usually pay about \$5 to go to a city nearby and spend the day. This month there will be a bus trip to the Bloomsburg basketball game to help support the team and get more students involved. There will also be a trip to Philadelphia this month and two trips in March, to Baltimore and New York City. The newest trip MAC has to offer is a trip to Montreal, Quebec.

"It's a first out of this office," Crisp said. The Montreal trip will be overnight, which is also a first.

MAC is also sending two student representatives, Carlos Perez, President and Jessica Bishop, Treasurer to a conference in Nashville. The conference starts the end of February and it's basically a place where people can book events for their university. The events are often discounted because they're bought in blocks,



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President Halstead reacts after being hit in the face with a pie at last year's Spring Fling. This year's event is slated to take place April 25.

meaning that a couple different universities might book the same activity. So this semester should be full of great activities for the entire campus to enjoy.

Piecing together the mystery

By ELIZABETH ESFAHANI

Daily Texan (U. Texas-Austin)

Puzzle pieces being used to solve the Space Shuttle Columbia disaster have so far all pointed in one direction: left.

This is the side of the shuttle where all serious abnormalities began in its ill-fated re-entry into the Earth's atmosphere, NASA officials said Sunday.

Preliminary evidence has revealed abnormal temperature rises and the continual loss of measurements, all on the left side. The shuttle also began to readjust its course minutes before it broke apart, which could mean that the tiles protecting the craft from excessive heat were inte-

gral in the disaster, shuttle program manager Ron Dittemore said.

"Does this mean something to us? We are not sure," he said. "It could be indicative of a rough tile, it could be indicative of perhaps missing tile, we are not sure."

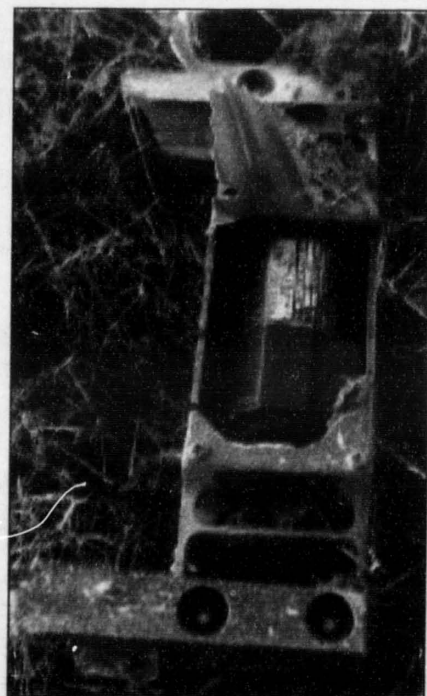
Anything at this point would be speculation, Dittemore added, but "we are gaining some confidence that this is a thermal problem, rather than a structural indicator."

The space shuttle shattered above East Texas early Saturday morning, just 16 minutes before it was scheduled to greet expectant family and friends in Florida. The seven astronauts killed in the disaster had been on a science mission, conducting

dozens of experiments on their 16-day odyssey.

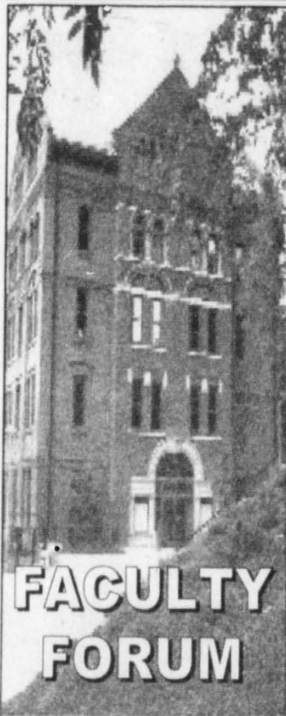
Trouble came at 7:53 a.m., 23 minutes before landing, when temperature measurements in the left wheel well increased 25 to 30 degrees in just five minutes. Four temperature sensors located under the tiles also stopped working. A minute later, data reported an even higher heat rise in an area above the left wing. In just five minutes, the area rose 60 degrees while the right side showed only a nominal increase, Dittemore said.

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A piece of the space shuttle lies along a highway in Texas.



Dr. Scott Thornsley, CJA, attended a one-day conference on criminal profiling in Manassas, Va., on Jan. 18. The conference was offered by George Mason University and taught by FBI Profiler, Robert Ressler.

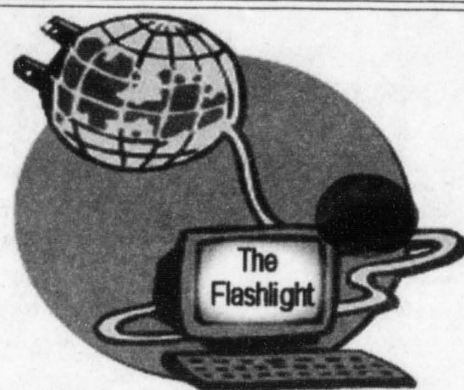
Rusty Wood, Facilities, has received the Army Commendation Medal. He was selected by a Board due to his leadership, vigilance and attention to duty. Both Rusty Wood and Dennis Atkinson (Facilities) are serving in Germany with the National Guard as members of the Task Force Keystone.

Faculty and staff items of interest to the campus community should be sent to scarish@mnsfld.edu. Items will be limited only by space and clarity.

POLICE BEAT

January 30, 2003 - Theft: Two large banners advertising Greek organizations were taken from inside the Mountie Den. They are valued at \$50.

If you have any information regarding these or other cases, please contact the police at 662-4900 or submit a tip anonymously at http://www.mnsfld.edu/~police/Anonymous_Tip.htm



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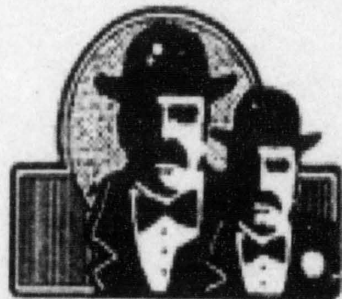
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Campus Bulletin Board

★ **Need a ride to Philadelphia for Spring Break?** There will be a bus leaving from the Kelchner Fitness Center at 3 p.m. on Feb. 28. It will make three stops in Philadelphia, and will also stop in Harrisburg if enough students are interested. The cost is \$45 round trip and \$25 one-way. Preference is given to students who sign up for the round trip. Money must be paid in full by Feb. 21 at the Student Accounts Office. Call Chris Vaughn at x4878 or Lee Bostic at x4247 for more information.

★ The **Computer Club** will be holding a **LAN party** at the Hut on Feb. 8 from noon until 2 a.m. the next morning. They will be playing a plethora of different video games, PC and console. Please bring your own PC. Call Mario at x5961. Co-sponsored by the Student Activities Office/Funded by Student Activity Fees.

★ President Halstead invites the Mansfield University community to join us for a **Town Meeting** discussing the *Renewal of the Mansfield Plan and the Draft Enrollment Plan 2003-2007* on Tuesday from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Student Center room 307. There will be a buffet lunch available at noon.

★ **Needed:** friendly, enthusiastic members of the **Class of 2003** to solicit donations from their classmates for the annual class gift. Experience the satisfaction of knowing your class has left a lasting impression on MU! Call Dixie Sheridan at x4296 for more information.

★ The **Mu Xi Literary Society** is now accepting submissions for the Spring 2003 issue of *Edge City*, MU's student literary magazine. Send hard copies of your poetry, short fiction and non-fiction prose to Mu Xi, Box 73, Alumni Hall Student Center, or send electronic copies to Dr. John Ulrich at julrich@mnsfld.edu. Be sure to include your name and contact information with your submission. Deadline for submissions is Feb. 28. *Edge City* is funded by the Student Activities Fees.

★ Every Wednesday from 7 to 10 p.m. a **billiards tournament** will be held in Alumni Hall Student Center. Last week's winners are: 1st- Mike Kreitzer; 2nd- Travis King; 3rd- Ryan Seigart.

★ **Swim instructors wanted** for lessons from March 11 to April 12. For more information, call swim coach Danita Fox at 662-4464.

★ A limited number of **scholarships for returning students** are available. Please stop by the Office of Financial Planning at Alumni Hall 104 to obtain an application. All applications must be returned by March 15.

★ The **President's Commission on the Status of Women** urges female students to show their appreciation to a member of the MU community who has succeeded in making a positive difference in their lives, and has contributed to their success at Mansfield. The students are asked to write a letter about how this person has made a difference. An Appreciation Luncheon will be held at the end of March for students and nominees. A form can be obtained by contacting Sheila Kasperek, 217 North Hall, or e-mail skasperek@mnsfld.edu by Friday, February 28.

Announcements for *Info-to-Go* can be e-mailed to flashlit@mnsfld.edu

Senator Specter speaks at U. Penn

By JULIE BARMEIER & MATT GORSKI

Daily Pennsylvanian (U. Penn)
Pennsylvania Senator Arlen Specter spoke at the University of Pennsylvania's Fels Institute of Government last Friday on topics ranging from the possible war with Iraq to his penchant for Boca Burgers.

The Republican senator addressed the audience by voicing his opinions on the current situation in the Middle Eastern nation.

"Right now, we're in a very, very unpredictable course, and the conventional wisdom says there's going to be war," Specter said.

Specter's speech was met with praise.

"He did an outstanding job," said Marjorie Margolies-Mezvinsky, a professor at the Fels Institute and former Pennsylvania congresswoman.

"I was impressed with his solid intellect. He is a fair person."

Senator Specter supports military action in Iraq and is "optimistic that we'll get a second resolution passed authorizing the use of force."

However, when Saddam Hussein begins to feel the pressure of the massive military buildup, Specter hopes that he will back down.

"There's no doubt that he's brutal and he's venal and he's gassed his own people, but I do not think that he's suicidal," Specter said.

Specter believes that Hussein should ultimately be tried in an international court as a war criminal charged with crimes against humanity.

Specter is one of the few senators who has met with Hussein, as he was part of a special delegation that visited Iraq

in the mid-1990s following the Persian Gulf War.

Students who were in attendance appreciated the senator's candidness.

"I was glad that he spoke about his position on Iraq," freshman Daniel Cope said. "He clarified U.S. goals for going there."

Human Relations Professor Lawrence Sherman, director of the Fels Institute, hailed Specter as a moderate who is "the major linchpin between [the Republican and Democratic] intransigent forces," and is able to find "common ground" in an era of heightened partisanship.

The speech was followed by a question-and-answer period. In addition to inquiries about Iraq,

Specter fielded questions dealing with reparations for slavery, judicial appointments, affirmative action in the college admission process and the fate of Trent Lott.

"I think Senator Lott was treated unjustly," Specter said. Many negative racial sentiments

"all got dumped on Trent Lott."

Amid his commentary on these serious issues, Specter lightened the mood with his answer to a student's question about one of his favorite foods - Boca Burgers, the soy-based alternative to beef hamburgers.

"Take a Boca Burger and put a very thin slice of onion and mustard," Specter suggested as the best way to enjoy the meal.

Specter, who graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Penn in 1951, encouraged students to pursue careers in public service.

"We are living in a complex and dangerous world," Specter said. "We need to bring as much talent as we can to the public sector."



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Pa. Senator Arlen Specter

MU alumnus reflects on space shuttle disaster

Thomas Taylor was there for the beginnings of the space shuttle program in 1976, when the Kennedy Space Center was converted from the Apollo program to the shuttle. Despite leaving the program six months before the first shuttle launch in 1981 to work on other NASA projects, the 1974 Mansfield University graduate has always kept close tabs on the space shuttle program and shares in the shock and grief from Saturday's Columbia disaster.

"When they say that NASA is a family that is a very true statement and NASA as a family is very saddened," Taylor said during a visit to the MU campus on Monday. "You feel a lot of pain for all those involved. Not only the families, but everyone who was touched by those astronauts."

Taylor won't even hazard a guess as to what may have happened to Columbia, but he has no doubt we will find out.

"NASA is a highly technical, highly structured organization that

lives in an environment of finding out the details. It's their life," he said. "This is an example of where we have to take that expertise to the finest level in order to find out what went wrong, correct it, and move ahead."

And he believes, after the investigation of the Columbia disaster, NASA's mission will move ahead.

"NASA needs to pursue that intrinsic feeling that exists in people to explore and go beyond," he said. "The thing you have to remember is that NASA's not only composed of the manned program, but also the unmanned program. We're sending satellites deep into space for the explorations of the planets or even beyond our solar system such as Voyager, as well as understanding the Earth we live in and being able to make life better. The manned and the unmanned programs exist to explore and improve life."

NASA's unmanned mission is currently Thomas' focus. He is a research engineer at the Applied

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At 7:58 a.m., while the shuttle was making its way over New Mexico, it encountered an increase in drag on the left side, causing the automated flying system to start readjusting. A self-correction of the flight path is not unusual, Dittmore said, but the degree was "outside our family of experience," he said.

Flight control lost all contact and ability to track the shuttle at about 8 a.m.

"We lost the data and that is when we clearly began to know that we had a bad day," Chief Flight Director Milt Heflin said Saturday.

The shuttle, now traveling at 18 times the speed of sound approximately 200,000 feet in the sky, began to shatter to pieces.

The continual question in the aftermath of this tragedy remains the amount of damage done by foam insulation that broke off at launch and hit the left wing. NASA officials had determined earlier in

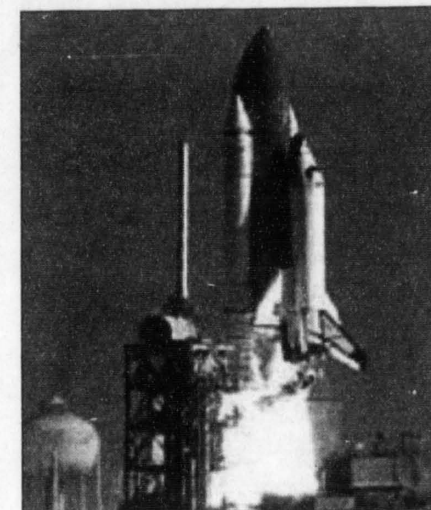
the mission that the damaged tiles posed no safety risk to the expedition.

"We can't discount that there might be a connection, but we have to caution you and ourselves that we can't rush to judgment because there are a lot of things in this business that look like a smoking gun but turn out not even to be close," Dittmore said on Feb. 1. "It's going to take us some time to work through the evidence, the analysis and clearly understand what the cause was."

Teams investigating the last minutes of the Columbia might be helped by an additional 32 seconds of data that will be pulled from the computers, Dittmore said.

The extra time was most likely omitted from visuals because of the compromised quality of the measurements. NASA officials have also taken a statement from a California man who witnessed debris falling from the orbiter.

"We are trying to correlate what that observer experienced and saw



AP PHOTO

The Space Shuttle Columbia lifts off from Cape Canaveral.

Research Laboratory at Penn State University and project manager for PSU's involvement in the NASA SWIFT project, which is studying the origin of gamma rays. Thomas and his team are working on hardware and software for a satellite scheduled for launch from the Goddard Space Flight Center this summer. The mission operations control center will be headquartered at Penn State.

with the timeline," Dittmore said.

Cleanup and recovery efforts continue across Texas and Louisiana, where the remains from astronauts have been found and are now in the process of being identified, director of flight crew operations Bob Cabana said. Officials once again reminded people not to touch any remains that they may come across even if they look harmless.

"What we fly in space is operated in many cases with toxic [propellants], and some of the debris may be contaminated so we need to be careful," Dittmore said.

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Student Government Update: Mountie Spirit

By BRIANNA STROPE

Special to the Flashlight

Every Senator on SGA has to belong to sub-committees. This year, one of our Senators, Ryan Brown, helped to form the Spirit Committee, which has become popular on campus.

The most recent event organized by our Spirit Committee is the bus trip to Bloomsburg University to support our men's and women's basketball teams. The trip will be on Feb. 19. The bus will depart from the baseball field at 4 p.m. and will arrive back no later than midnight.

Thanks to funding from SGA, the Committee on Finance, and Student Activity fees, the trip will cost \$3 for MU students and \$5 for faculty and staff. That price includes the bus ride to and from Bloomsburg, dinner (pizza), a ticket for admission, and a Spirit towel to support the soccer team. Both stu-

Student Government Association



dents and staff may sign up for the trip in either the Student Activities Office in Alumni Hall or with Donna in the Student Affairs Office on the fifth floor of North Hall.

Since the creation of the Spirit Committee last semester, we have worked to incorporate not only students, but faculty and staff, and children. It is imperative that every person is involved in supporting our hardworking athletic teams. Statistics have proven that games played at home this year have had a much larger student attendance, and while at home, the teams' records are better than on the road.

This just proves that with stu-

dents' spirit and motivation, the teams are more energized, which makes winning desirable. Games this season not only have had more students attending, but they

have been much louder, as noticed by both the men's and women's teams and their coaches. Please continue to provide encouragement to the teams for the remainder of the semester!

Be sure to visit the Spirit booth in Lower Manser to purchase t-shirts, pom-poms, and team spirit towels. We are also looking into a booth at this year's block party in Kelchner Fitness Center.

Anyone who is less than 5'7" tall who is interested in wearing the Mountie mascot outfit should contact the SGA Office at x4984 as soon as possible.

The Spirit Committee is open to all MU students. Meetings are Monday nights at 8:30pm in Jazzman's Lounge. If you have any questions or comments, contact any of our Senators, or come to our meetings.

Lapps tumbles outside South Hall, breaks ankle

By JACOB BURKE

Flashlight Writer

Dr. A. Vernon Lapps, Communication and Theatre, fell outside of South Hall on Jan. 27, resulting in a broken ankle. Lapps was treated for his injuries, but the fall is proving to be costly right now as he is out for four weeks from teaching.

Steps were taken by the Department of Communication and Theatre to make sure that students would not be cheated out of

class time with Lapps being gone.

Robert Armstrong is covering Audio Production classes, Robin Strom-Mackey is

covering Intro to Mass Media, Dr. Sue Young is covering Communication Theory, and Donna Zeigler is covering Oral Interpretation.

"We are all doing the best we can to cover for Dr. Lapps while he is out on recovery," Armstrong said.

Students are concerned about the events and they had something to say about it as well. Mike Peters, a sophomore broadcasting and journalism major, said, "Dr. Lapps will be missed in the department while he is out and we all hope for a full and speedy recovery."

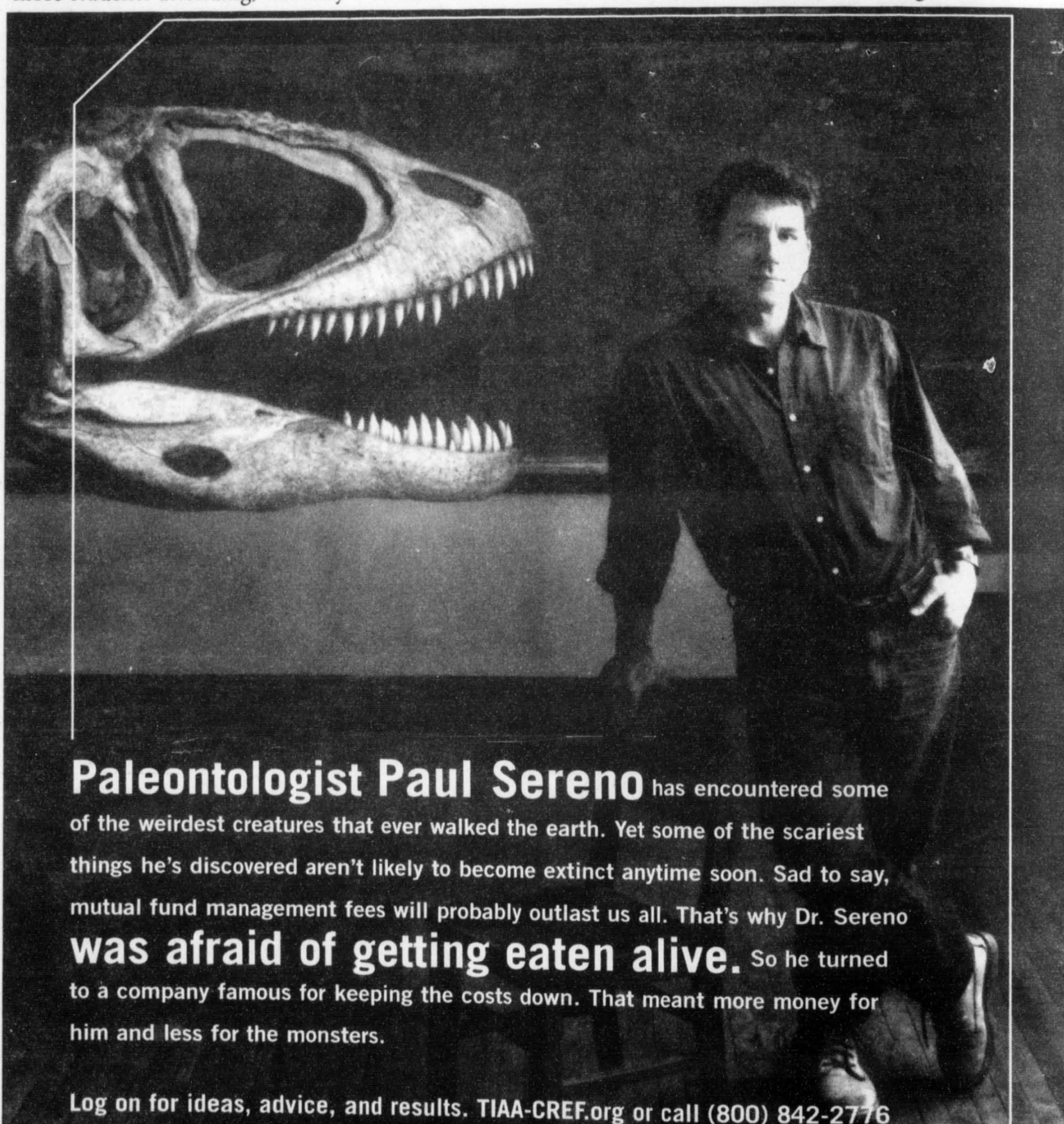
"Dr. Lapps is a man that has done a lot for the department and it is sad to not see him around teaching," said Chad Landers, a sophomore broadcasting major.

Many wonder why the sidewalks outside of the buildings were not in better condition the day that Lapps fell, and why the sidewalks are still not in good condition. An attempt was made to talk with maintenance, but there was no reply.

Lapps would like to thank the two students that helped him on Monday after his fall. He also asks that they come forward and be recognized by the department. The students can call the Department of Communication and Theatre at 662-4771.



LAPPS



Paleontologist Paul Sereno has encountered some of the weirdest creatures that ever walked the earth. Yet some of the scariest things he's discovered aren't likely to become extinct anytime soon. Sad to say, mutual fund management fees will probably outlast us all. That's why Dr. Sereno **was afraid of getting eaten alive.** So he turned to a company famous for keeping the costs down. That meant more money for him and less for the monsters.

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Video Game Review: Dead or Alive Xtreme Beach Volleyball

By ANDRE BENNETT
Flashlight Writer

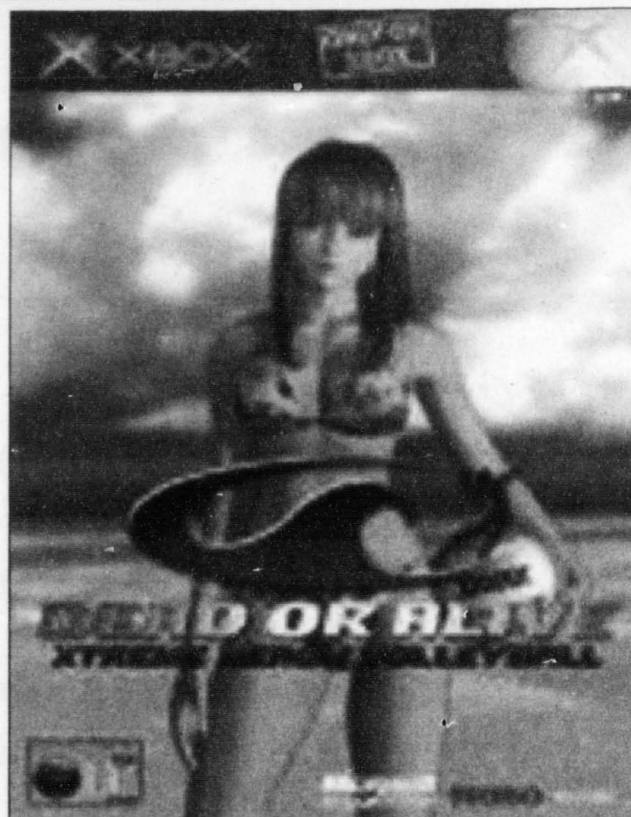
From the opening move, you know this game is meant for guys. The characters frolic on a tropical island without a care in the world. Most of their outfits are skimpy swimsuits. Moreover, Hitomi and Leifang seem to be enjoying each other's company more than you'd expect.

But come on, a little fun in the sun never hurt anyone, right? That's what Tecmo's Team Ninja was undoubtedly thinking when they developed Dead or Alive Xtreme Beach Volleyball, a sequel of sorts to the popular Dead or Alive fighting game series. Taking place after Dead or Alive 3, the story (such as it is) sees Zack (voiced by Dennis Rodman) hitting Las Vegas after winning the third Dead or Alive fighting tournament. He hits it big, becoming wealthier than he had dreamed, and immediately buys his own personal island, fashioning it into a resort.

Next, he invites all of the female participants from the last tournament--as well as a new character, Lisa--to the island, claiming to host the fourth tournament. Realizing they've been thoroughly deceived, the girls decide that the place isn't so bad, and start lounging around. While volleyball is the operative word in the title, it isn't the main focus for these ladies. Rather, the operative word for them is "vacation."

DOA X features a simple control scheme for volleyball. One button is "attack," while the other is "receive." That's it. I don't mean to imply that the game is bereft of challenge, however. The girls definitely take to the net with as much skill as when they take fist to face. Still, it's made clear that everything is all in fun, so you won't find, say, Christie trying to beat the tar out of Helena.

However, while it can be addictive, the volleyball action



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Xtreme Beach Volley ball is the newest edition to the Dead or Alive game series.

also gets kind of repetitive, so if you're playing this game on your own a lot, you're probably not focusing solely on the volleyball. So you're probably keeping busy trying to figure out a way to effectively play

with one hand. Or you take frequent pause breaks. Whatever. I don't really care to know about your solo gaming habits.

Believe it or not, you won't be playing a lot of volleyball in the single-player "Go To Zack Island" mode. Instead, you'll be spending a lot of time trying to get one of the other girls to be your partner, depending upon who you choose. My favorite character is Christie, a cold-blooded British assassin. Unfortunately, she doesn't seem to make friends easily.

What's worse, if you lose once or twice, your partner will dump you like J.Lo dumped...well, almost every guy she's dated or wed.

Team Ninja calls DOA X the first "sports fantasy simulation," and that term rings

true, more or less. You don't just play volleyball. You also get to sunbathe, play mini-games, listen to music (you can use your own music if you don't like the game's default soundtrack), buy new swimsuits and accessories, give gifts to the other girls, and gamble at the casino by night. There are also items that can be unlocked, such as demo videos for previous DOA games, and the US and UK commercials for DOA 3.

In the end, however, it's clear that you're not really playing a volleyball game, but rather an issue of Maxim. Thankfully, it's a piece of cheesecake free of pretensions. It doesn't pretend to aspire to be the best volleyball game ever, but it's a fun waste of time for a while. More than anything else, it's a really nice piece of eye candy. However, if you're not playing against a friend, or anyone for that matter, then you might as well play this game with no one else around.

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Gallery hosts new exhibit

An exhibition of computer generated images and sculpture by Jeri Robinson is on display at the Mansfield University Gallery. The exhibit runs through Feb. 28.

In recent years, Robinson's art making has concentrated on various social and political issues surrounding women according to MU Gallery Director Martha Whitehouse. Inter-generational relationships among grandmother, mother and daughter are explored along with issues such as infertility, adoption and the traditional role of "women's work".

Photography is often the starting point for her work because of its public accessibility and relationship to media. Robinson says she chose the computer as her tool because of "its photographic enhancement and manipulation capabilities along with its suggestion that our world is changing rapidly."

While social narrative is the essence of all of her work, they are different from the traditional written narrative. Through her visual information, she tells only part of a story, therefore allowing the end or continuation of the story to be defined by individual viewers.

Robinson is an associate professor and chair of the Art Department at Millersville University where she teaches all levels of computer art and design.

The MU Art Acquisition and Exhibition Committee will host a reception and gallery talk by the artist on Feb. 6 at 2 p.m.

The MU Gallery is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in North Hall.

The exhibit and reception are free and open to the public. It is funded through and sponsored by the MU Fine Arts Committee, the Committee on Finance, the Art Acquisition and Exhibition Committee, CCSI, and student activity fees.

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The Weekly His/Her Review

By Dylan Brucie & Theresa Benner

Gangs of New York

Plot Summary:

Set in New York, Amsterdam Vallon (DiCaprio) returns to the hostile Five Points to avenge his father by killing Bill 'The Butcher' Cuttings (Day-Lewis) and to establish a place for his people, the Irish immigrants. Vallon falls in love with the beautiful Jenny Everdean (Diaz), whose past only complicates his plans.

He says:

Was it worth spending the money?

It was worth more than the money I spent on the film. Even though it was a longer movie (as so many are becoming these days) it kept my attention the entire time.

What was good?

Above everything, the direction of Martin Scorsese was the real star of the film for me. It was so beautiful throughout the entire movie, despite the fact that it took place in dirty civil war era New York City. Acting was also top notch by most of the cast. Daniel Day-Lewis stole the spot light as the villain Bill "the Butcher." Leonardo DiCaprio was good also, but the spot light was stolen from him by Lewis.

What might make me queasy?

Although I love how this film ends, it could have been done about a half hour sooner than it was. They end up added a lot of new elements into the story with about an hour to go and it doesn't really add to the over-all plot, but it does make it a much longer movie.

Overall Review:

I really liked this movie a lot. Great direction and great acting plus the beautiful eye candy of old New York make this a must see for everyone who doesn't mind a little gore. I give this movie 3 1/2 out of 4 stars.

She says:

Was it worth spending the money?

By all means! I actually went and saw the film twice! I was excited to see a film set during the civil war that wasn't directly about the civil war, but rather how it effected every day life.

What was good?

Not what, but who. Daniel Day-Lewis was absolutely amazing. I almost cried when he didn't win the Golden Globe for best Actor. I sure hope the Academy Award people rectify the situation.

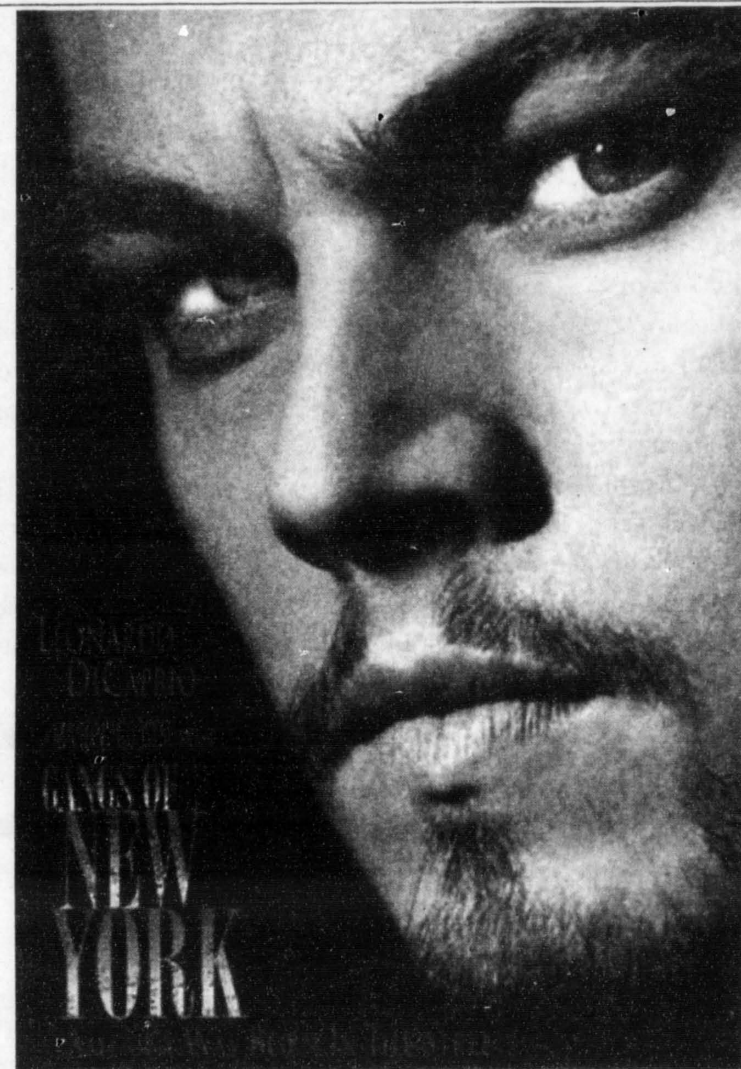
Also, and this is strictly a bonus, U2 DID win a Golden Globe for their original song "The Hands That Built America." The song is great and makes for an intense finale to the film.

What might make me queasy?

It is a very bloody movie. Between the fights of the gangs in the Five Points and the Draft Riots you are bound to see something that will make your stomach more than a little uneasy.

Overall Review:

Gangs is a great film with an excellent cast. Its only downfall is its length, but all movies are running long these days. I endorse this movie with all my Flashlight authority. I give it 3.7 out of 4 stars.



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Featured campus club:

The College Republicans

By CHRISTOPHER SHADLE
Flashlight Writer

The last time the Mansfield chapter of the College Republicans was active was when the first President Bush (41) was in the White House. After nearly 11 years in hibernation, the organization is now an active and vital participant in the campus and local communities.

With approximately 15 members and climbing, the students decided that they would rebuild the organization from the ground up, using the constitution and minutes from the former group to help them construct an organization that is more responsive to the community and the desires of the members.

Led by President Chad Lister, the main goal of the College Republicans is to promote the principles of the Republican Party among the campus and community.

One portion of the Republican creed states, "the

most effective, responsible, and responsive government is government closest to the people." In an age of cynicism and distrust of public figures, reaching out to college students and getting them more interested in politics is a major focus of the Mansfield Chapter. Vice-President James Pumphrey stated, "we all have different ideologies and we come from different walks of life."

One common misconception is that in order to be a member you must be a Republican, and that is not true. The group welcomes all different views and positions to their organization, however James did say that most of the current members support President George W. Bush and the job he is doing as President.

Over the last year the Mansfield College Republicans have met and campaigned for Pennsylvania gubernatorial candidate Mike Fisher and spoke with him on various issues such as educa-

tion and gun control, met with State Rep. Matt Baker, participated in a get-out-the-vote campaign, and sponsored a booth at the 1890's weekend.

Several events are planned for this semester including a panel discussion with Representative Baker, and Haven House, a domestic violence women's shelter in Tioga County will send a guest speaker to discuss several issues including domestic violence, and how to build a healthy relationship.

Adviser to the College Republicans is Dr. Russell Hamilton, and if interested you can attend their weekly meetings, which take place in Pinecrest seminar room 215 on Tuesday evenings at 5 p.m.

The group is excited about the upcoming presidential election and is slowly gearing up to start campaigning for the President. Whatever your political beliefs may be, the College Republicans are a great group of students who believe in their cause and that in itself is commendable.

Random Ramblings

By RACHEL ADAMS
& COREY MEOLA

Flashlight News Editor and
Flashlight Writer

★ So I was reading some old issues of *The Flashlight*: specifically, Random Ramblings, and I noticed that I have gotten progressively less funny as the semesters fly by. To that end, I'd like to apologize to anyone I've disappointed. Then again, if your entire life revolves around Random Ramblings, you're in worse shape than I am.

★ Commercial Rant of the Week - That Saturn Ion commercial with the kids playing in the yards. All those kids playing like that crammed into every available patch of yard around those houses creeps me out. Then, they turn off the road to avoid old age

and stay young or whatever. I own a Saturn. It doesn't make me feel young. That's false advertising.

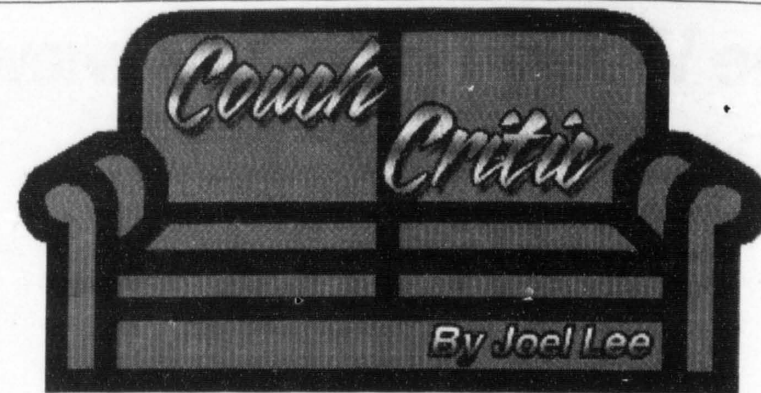
★ Maybe Joe Millionaire is good-looking and supposedly rich, but he has the intelligence of mayonnaise that's been out in the sun too long. If I were a contestant I would have disqualified myself from the show a long time ago.

★ I would like to comment on the Sealy mattress commercial with the kid jumping on the bed. It's funny, but the first time I saw it, I feared for that kid's life. The way he just flops onto the bed like that was a little scary because my first thought was not that he was asleep and I felt that someone should have gone to check on

him. They should warn people before they show us these kinds of commercials.

★ The Osbournes Pepsi Twist commercial would make a lot more sense if someone named Sharon was in bed with Ozzy at the end. What does Florence Henderson have to do with anything?

★ I have discovered THE place on the highway for your car to break down. There's a 5 mile stretch east of Williamsport on I-180 and there are cars all over the side of the road in both directions. There are more cars there than anywhere else I passed in my 180 mile trip back here. Consider yourselves warned.



★ Cocaine In Columbia will rock your socks off. I know this because I'm in the band. Pimp <http://cokeincolumbia.tripod.com> for more info than you need.

★ I miss the Impossibles. I also miss movies worth watching. And I miss rap worth listening to because if you ask me, Missy Elliot sucks, Timbaland sucks, almost all the rap on MTV sucks, it all sucks. They should all be buried underneath the ice that they rent so they can claim it's theirs during videos. Give me A Tribe Called Quest, Digable Planets, Gang Starr, etc. Well, I will give that the Roots and Common are awesome, but everyone knew that, so they don't need to be mentioned, same for Jurassic 5, Blackalicious, Mr. Lif, J-Live, and some others, but how much air time do they get? They all get buried behind crap rap. I want my hip hop, forget MTV.

★ Dashboard Confessional is brand new. Just go buy *SPIN* magazine to find out. And ignore all prior press up to this point. *SPIN* is the first to hear of this dude and his band; you weren't the first, loser.

★ There's a band called The Music, and beside having a really dumb name, they want to be Led Zeppelin really really really really band. Don't fall for the gimmick.

★ I don't know what movies are coming out because movies are dumb. I mean, there's a movie about a talking kangaroo. I'm sure there's a reason for this, but I have yet to come up with an explanation other than some schmucks will pay money for it and laugh. Maybe, if we're lucky, we'll get a sequel, too dealing with the exciting adventures of a family of koala bears eating leaves. Wooooooo, I think I'm hard.

★ In case you were wondering, here's a short list of bands who are rock and roll's saviors or some junk like that (granted, some of the bands' reigns may have ended a while ago, but I don't care): the White Stripes, the Datsuns, the Music, the Faint, the Flaming Sideburns, the Strokes were supposed to, but they're too high on coke and booze and every loser blames them for this "the" band rock revolution, and there's more, but it's pointless to list them. Whoever these idiots are that think rock left and has to be saved need to be kicked in the nuts by Ted Nugent because it was always there, juaStrokes are cool, too. The Faint scare me because they are way too 1983-84. As for everyone else, well, whatever. All you fans should just start cutting off the sleeves of your old t-shirts and start fist-pumping out your windows at all times.

★ Oh, thinking back to the Dashboard thing, *SPIN* calls him a cult hero. You emo morons need a new leader. I announce him as me. Thank you.

TOP 15

Top Fifteen
Billboard Hot 100
Singles this week

1. "All I Have," Jennifer Lopez Feat. LL Cool J
2. "Bump, Bump, Bump," B2K & P. Diddy
3. "Beautiful," Christina Aguilera
4. "I'm With You," Avril Lavigne
5. "Mesmerize," Ja Rule Feat. Ashanti
6. "Cry Me A River," Justin Timberlake
7. "Miss You," Aaliyah
8. "03 Bonnie & Clyde," Jay-Z Feat. Beyonce Knowles
9. "Landslide," Dixie Chicks
10. "Air Force Ones," Nelly Feat. Kyjuan, Ali & Murphy Lee
11. "In Da Club," 50 Cent
12. "Don't Mess With My Man," Nivea Feat. Brian & Brandon Casey
13. "Ignition," R. Kelly
14. "Gossip Folks," Missy "Misdemeanor" Elliott Feat. Ludacris
15. "Lose Yourself," Eminem

GEEKculture

By TODD BAILEY
Flashlight Writer

• Looks as if we are going to have a Hulk Hogan vs. the Rock rematch at this month's pay per view. Should be a great match! Let's hope Hogan pulls this one out!

• Look for *My Big Fat Greek Wedding* on DVD this week.

• I feel the need to remind everyone to save your cash!! "Married: With Children" on DVD is very close!!!

• You guys are going to laugh at me! I was out and about a few weeks ago and seen a DVD that was kick arse, so I bought it! Most of you might not remember this flick because it really does reflect upon the GEEK's true age. This film was: *The Neverending Story*! I love that movie! The misses has been scared for life by the tragic death of Artax the horse.

• The Recruit seems to have won the box office wars this week...not that there are any good flicks out at the moment. Let's see how it holds up to *Daredevil*!

• I still stand by last week's comment on Joe Millionaire. You should watch it!

• So do you guys really think that Ben Affleck will be a good Daredevil? I hope so. Daredevil isn't one of my top five comic heroes, but he's definitely in the top ten.

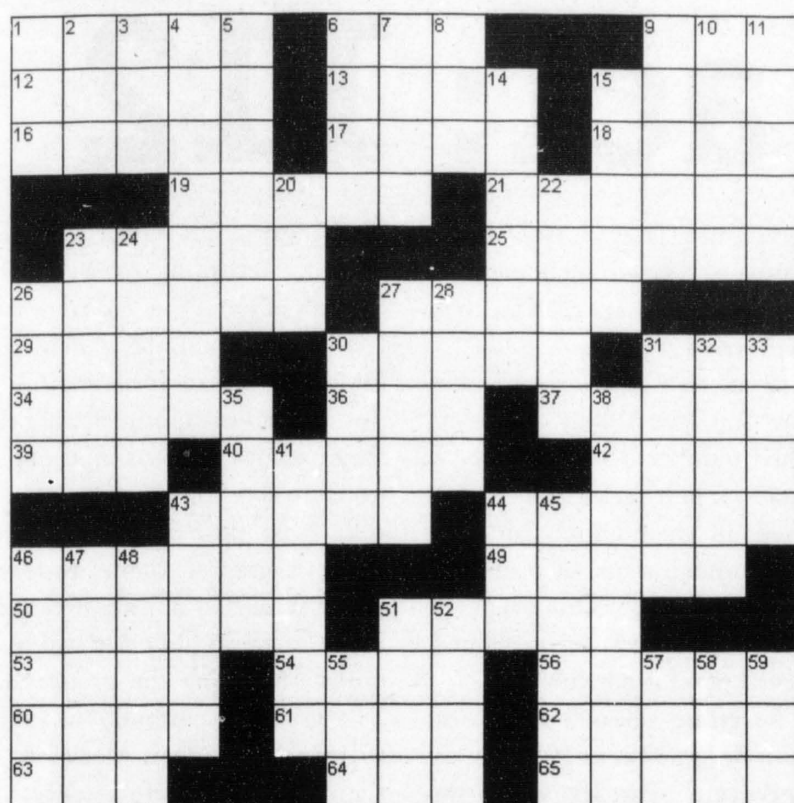
• People keep asking me if I have seen that crappy film *The Bourne Identity*. It may actually be a pretty good watch, but Matt Damon doing martial arts just doesn't seem right to the GEEK. He should be studying math or playing poker or something like that! Tyler Durden would kick his butt if he were in *Fight Club*!

GEEK's random quote of the week:

"To deny our own impulses takes away the very thing that makes us human."

-Mouse,
The Matrix

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- Across**
- 1 Brownish gray
 - 6 Cooking vessel
 - 9 Series
 - 10 Young nighttime bird
 - 13 Atop
 - 15 Char
 - 16 Fail to pay a debt
 - 17 List of choices
 - 18 Jealousy
 - 19 Behemoth
 - 21 Treatises
 - 23 Moratorium
 - 25 Most presumptuous
 - 26 Funeral vehicle
 - 27 Coldly
 - 29 Wager
 - 30 Make a squeak
 - 31 Offspring
 - 34 Windblown clay
 - 36 Showed the way
 - 37 Subject to flame, briefly
 - 39 Stop
 - 40 Unit of currency in Denmark
 - 42 A part to play
 - 43 Semiconductor used as a rectifier
 - 44 Worshiped
 - 46 Extinct flightless birds
 - 49 Obtains occupancy
 - 50 Country of east-central Africa
 - 51 Dueling swords
 - 53 Golden rule word
 - 54 Be conveyed
 - 56 Knee-length skirts
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 - 61 Hindu discipline
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 - 63 Blunder
 - 64 Lattice
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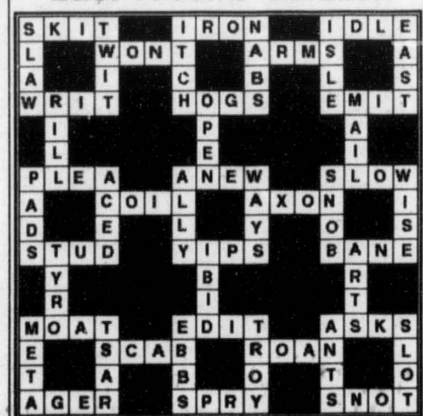
- 20 Curling mark
- 22 Unseaworthy or wrecked ships
- 23 Mortise partner
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- 27 _____ Rice Pereira (American artist 1907-1971)
- 28 Give up
- 30 Chunk
- 31 Horse or pig sound
- 32 Stares at
- 33 Necessity
- 35 Enjoyed a winter sport
- 38 Michael _____ of 'Starship Troopers'
- 41 Religious beads
- 43 Contributor
- 44 One hundred square meters
- 45 Considered
- 46 Stone fruit
- 47 Legal title holder
- 48 Time-stamping device
- 51 Threshold
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- 55 Electrically charged particle
- 57 Clamor
- 58 Possessive pronoun
- 59 Any Woman

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Fri. 2/7	SHREK	What's The Worst...?	No Mans Land	Slackers
Sat. 2/8	What's The Worst...?	No Mans Land	Slackers	SHREK
Sun. 2/9	No Mans Land	Slackers	SHREK	What's The Worst...?
Thurs. 2/13	Jesus Christ...	Empires of India	Showtime	Crazy/Beautiful
Fri. 2/14	Empires of India	Showtime	Crazy/Beautiful	Sweetest Thing
Sat. 2/15	Showtime	Crazy/Beautiful	Sweetest Thing	Empires of India
Sun. 2/16	Crazy/Beautiful	Sweetest Thing	Empires of India	Showtime
Thurs. 2/20	XXX	Serendipity	Ocean's 11	Meet The Parents
Fri. 2/21	Serendipity	Ocean's 11	Parents	XXX
Sat. 2/22	Ocean's 11	Parents	XXX	Serendipity
Sun. 2/23	Parents	XXX	Serendipity	Ocean's 11

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- 1 Submit or yield
 - 2 Female Sheep
 - 3 Suffering from a disorder
 - 4 Body language
 - 5 Principles
 - 6 Mountain lion
 - 7 Unclog
 - 8 2,000 pounds
 - 9 Perceive
 - 10 Roof Projection
 - 11 A rendezvous
 - 14 Coypu
 - 15 Unkempt

Potential spring act: 112



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R&B group 112 is one of the groups in consideration to perform at Mansfield.

By HEATHER OISTER

Flashlight Writer

One of the potential performing acts for the Spring 2003 concert is R & B quartet 112.

Group members Daron (Daron Jones), Mike (Michael Keith), Q (Quinnes Parker), and Slim (Marvin Scandrick) started out singing in the Tenor section of their high school in Atlanta, Georgia. Their gathering came about by chance after they were picked by a teacher to sing at a coronation. From there, they were next asked to perform at a talent show. It was at this show that the guys caught the attention of managers Courtney Still and Kevin Wales.

Still and Wales introduced the group to Sean "P Diddy" Combs, who signed the group to a record deal with his Bad Boy

Entertainment label. It was Combs who gave the group their name in honor of a landmark club in their hometown of Atlanta.

112 released their debut single, "Only You," in 1996. The song reached number 3 on the R & B charts. Their self-titled debut showed off their impressive vocal talents through a mix of up beat R & B and ballads. "Our songs are like stories," Daron once explained. "They're tasteful not vulgar."

The group released their next album, Room 112, in 1998. Most recently came, Part III, which was released in 2001 and included such hits as "Peaches n' Cream," "Dance With Me," and their first number one hit "It's Over Now."

112 last made news in August of 2002 when they announced that they would not be following Combs when he takes his Bad Boy

label away from Arista to a new home. According to MTV, the group signed a deal with Island/Def Jam last February. Diddy in return filed an injunction to stop the group, stating that they had not fulfilled their obligations to Bad Boy. The quartet states that they have done everything asked of them and that things with Bad Boy are irreconcilable. However, P Diddy still holds hopes of getting the group back. The group is currently in limbo, awaiting a judge's decision on their contract before they can release their fourth LP.

112 have collaborated in the past with such big names as Wayne Morris of Boyz II Men and the late Notorious B.I.G.

Plans are not finalized for 112 to perform this spring. There are still other groups being considered.

Corgan returns with Zwan

By GRANT WILSON

Daily O'Collegian

Writing as a former Smashing Pumpkins fanatic, I was very hopeful about former front-man Billy Corgan's new project, Zwan.

The band was whispered about for nearly a year before their debut, and with each passing month, the buzz grew stronger. Finally, their debut album, "Mary Star of the Sea," is out, and the result is something I didn't expect - a very good (possibly even great) album that takes generously from the Pumpkins sound we know and love, yet creates an entirely new blueprint that could yield many more wonderfully unique albums.

More than anything else, the one word that describes Zwan's debut is honest. Every song resonates with a

heartfelt beauty that will surprise even the most jaded music fan, perhaps because most music today seems dedicated to production value and chart potential.

Thankfully, after the commercial failures that were "Adore" and "Machina: The Machines of God," Corgan changed his focus from asking questions about God to attempting to rival the beauty of his world.

Highlights include "Jesus, I / Mary Star of the Sea," which begins as a moody guitar ballad and morphs into a soaring fuzzy guitar anthem. "Ride A Black Swan," the closest this album comes to hard rock, climbs the sky with the greatest of ease, riding the Zwan triple guitar attack and seamless drumming of former

Pumpkin Jimmy Chamberlin. Corgan seems to appreciate the simplicity and beauty of string arrangements, and more than one song brings comforting flashbacks of "Tonight, Tonight" and "Galapagos."

In short, most Pumpkins fans will love Zwan. Their debut comes at a time when popular rap, heavy metal and Britney Spears have sucked most of the life out of music. However, Corgan has reaffirmed his status as one of the best songwriters working today and as a visionary for the future of rock.

Hopefully, "Mary Star of the Sea" marks the beginning of a new era of soaring guitars, life-affirming lyrics, and immediacy not only in rock, but in all genres.



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OPINION & EDITORIAL

From the Editor's Desk:

We can't do it without you

By DYLAN BRUCIE
Flashlight Editor-in-Chief

Last week, representatives from Student Government Association came to the Flashlight's meeting on behalf of students with concerns about the paper. They fairly and professionally presented many key issues including concerns with too much profanity in the paper, not enough world news, and not enough input from students.

Let me say first that we're working hard on toning down the profanity in the paper. It started off light and eventually got out of control. I really apologize on behalf of the entire staff if we offended anybody with remarks made. Although The Flashlight may never be completely free of something that offends someone (it's so easy to do in our over-sensitive society), we will try to tone down things a lot.

Concerning world issues, I can see why some people would want world news in The Flashlight. The reason we have decided not to include much world news is because this is primarily a campus newspaper. In my frame of mind, it's so easy to get world news almost anywhere else, if you want world news, you can turn on the television or get on the internet or turn on the radio or pick up a bigger paper or even just talk to someone you know. If you want campus news, you pick The Flashlight. That's not to say we won't cover huge events that affect everyone. On Sept. 11, we ran the events on the front page. We also ran continuing coverage of what was going on in Afghanistan for a while. If we end up going to war with Iraq, something that big will make it into The Flashlight also. Until something

like this happens though, I don't feel that the campus needs The Flashlight to hear about it. If you feel differently or completely disagree with me, let me know. If enough students voice that they want constant world coverage, then we'll add it. Things won't happen unless you want them to, which brings me to the next subject.

Concerns that students do not feel The Flashlight listens enough actually surprises me. We have open meetings every week for anyone to come to. If you want to write, come to the meeting. If you want to take pictures, come to the meeting. If you want to complain about your concerns with The Flashlight, that's fine too. We won't improve unless you say something. I was actually happy that SGA came to us to voice concerns. I may not have agreed with everything that was said, but at least I'm hearing what students want. Some concerns simply can't be addressed without proper funding. An example of this would be students' want for more opinion space for students with different views. I actually think it's a great idea, but when we only have two pages to print every letter and column, it's hard to fit in lots of people. If we wanted to add a bigger section, we would need to request more money, but before we do that, we need more feedback from students. It also has to be something constant. Some weeks I'll get seven letters and others I'll only get two.

I'm not making excuses, I'm just telling you how it is. If you want change, please tell us. Call us, write us, come to our meetings, join the staff, whatever you want to do, just don't keep it to yourself and your friends. We want to improve, but we need your help.

Letter to the editor:

The Democratic response

Editor:

This is in response to a letter by Edwin Stricker criticizing Democrats. I tip my hat to you sir. You have succeeded in producing an excellent commentary. This is assuming the purpose of it was to make yourself appear as an ignorant simpleton. Readings such as this are my favorite; ones based in pure opinion and no fact.

First off, slavery. The Democrats should pay restitution? Why should one political party pay? We're all Americans, shouldn't we all pay? Ever since the 1950s, Democrats have been paying restitution to blacks as they support civil rights. If you want to make political argument though, who freed the slaves? Abe Lincoln- a Republican. Thus, by your logic, shouldn't Republicans pay for this policy?

Mr. Stricker also says that Democrats spend millions on high-rise apartments to "pen up poor people." In fact, Section 8 housing was available to these people, but was fought by Republican leadership because of cost. Thus, a more efficient means of housing had to be found, and high-rises were established. Perhaps you would like to see them homeless or living in garages? It was implied by this arti-

cle that all single mothers don't have time for their children and are just waiting for the next knock-up to get more money. Again, incorrect. The federal programs that exist to support these women are temporary, providing a means of aide to get on their feet until they can fully support themselves.

Now I focus on education, which is the most flawed concept in Edwin's piece. He incorrectly assumes Democrats don't care about education. Sir, I must refer you to the Democrat platform of universal public education, which says all children are entitled to a quality public education in America. Without these mongrel Democrats, we wouldn't have the Morrill Land Grant Act, which gives nearly every state in the union their own university, for example, Pennsylvania State University or the University of Wyoming. We also have the GI Bill, which provides education for those veterans who wish it. Even our own new governor, Ed Rendell, advocates all-day kindergarten and pre-school. Rhetorically you ask, "is this what our forefathers wanted?" Well, yes, hence the establishment of the Department of Education. Conversely, the current Republican administration just cut the education budget and put that money into defense. So, who doesn't care about education?

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Letter to the editor: Don't print nonsense

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to the letter to the editor that appeared in Jan. 29th's Flashlight entitled "Are Democrats really helping?" I am confused and surprised that the Flashlight, from which I normally expect some higher standards, actually printed this letter. It appears to me to be an irrational, poorly written and unsubstantiated attack, generalizing an entire political group and accusing them of many things, with absolutely no evidence to back up its claims. It makes emotional appeals without citing any facts, only repeating, "The Democrats did this, and it's bad, and they did it and they suck." The letter makes vari-

ous blatantly inflammatory and emotionally charged assertions, but provides not a single source of evidence that these are true. Statements like, "The Democrats passed a law to keep the poor people from trying anything on their own to better themselves." What?! What law is this? Did I somehow miss the passing of the "Oppress the Poverty-Stricken" bill? "The Democrats are controlling the poor children's lives by keeping them illiterate and in poverty..." These claims are patently ridiculous and unfounded, and frankly I'm very surprised and disappointed that The Flashlight would print such a misguided and confused letter. Imagine if the letter, instead of being about Democrats, had said

"Jews," or "White People." Would you have printed it then? It is the same thing, attacking a group. Not a racial, ethnic, or religious group, but a group nonetheless, that deserves a little more respect than this unsubstantiated libelous babble. I respect the author's right to free speech and the paper's right to print what it wants, but this is a little ridiculous. I fully invite the author of the letter to supply some facts to back up his wild claims. Until he does, I implore your readers to think twice before taking any of the letter's assertions to heart. And I implore The Flashlight to think twice before again printing a letter such as that one.

- Antares Barr

RETORT (cont.)

Stricker closes with an image of seventy years ago where the Democrats didn't care (and still don't) about quality of life and higher standards for education and living. I refer you, sir, to FDR's New Deal. This virtually abandoned the laissez-faire capitalism that in the 1880s was hated by labor unions. Adopted was a policy of moderate currency inflation to start an upward movement in prices

and afford some relief to debtors. New agencies brought generous credit facilities to agriculture and industry. The FDIC insured bank savings up to \$5,000 and regulated sales of securities and stocks. The National Industrial Recovery Act (NIRA) boosted declining prices, helping businesses and workers. It also set a minimum wage, regulated working conditions, and wages. The Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) created

jobs in less modernized areas and helped farmers.

In closing, to Mr. Stricker, I suggest you take a political science course or two. Perhaps you may actually gain knowledge so that when writing your next commentary, you can apply fact and give it an actual basis.

-Dan Bechtel
PA Federation of College Democrats

Politics and Opinion: Remember a king of civil rights

By Chris Shadle

On January 20th we celebrated Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday. What better way to kick off Black History Month then to honor the contributions this champion of Civil Rights has made to American society? Too often though, we fail to understand the true meaning of a holiday such as Martin Luther King Jr. Day, but instead view it simply as a chance to have a day off of classes and perhaps catch up on our sleep or party with friends. In the turbulent atmosphere of the 1960s, this amazing man fought to advance the rights of African Americans, and in the end (like so many others) paid the ultimate sacrifice with his life. One lesson we can take from the example set by King is that an idea with passion backing it can prove to be a powerful weapon.

I was struck on Martin Luther King Jr. Day by the numerous places around the country where Americans gathered to protest the looming war in Iraq. These scenes were reminiscent of the Civil Rights protests throughout the 1960s where many Americans stood up in defiance of the racist system which had for so long denied them their basic Civil Rights. I wondered how many of the thousands of people protesting the looming war in Iraq (many of them college age

students) were registered to vote, and indeed used their right as American citizens to do so. Statistically of course, we as college students do not vote, and yet there were thousands of us spread across the country trying to send a message to Washington. Where were all the college students last election day? That of course is another topic for another day, however I will say that too often we take our rights for granted in this great country of ours.

Martin Luther King Jr. said, "I have a dream that one day my children will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character." I charge each and every one of you not to allow the sacrifices made by King and so many other Americans go for naught. The next time we have a holiday off, instead of living life as usual, I encourage you to take the time to reflect upon the true meaning of the holiday. We owe it to ourselves and to the women and men who fought and died to further Civil Rights so that we might be free to live as we wish regardless of sex, color, religion, ideology or sexual orientation. The true test for our generation will be whether we can live up to the standards set by the generations before us. Let's not let them down. It is up to us to keep the dream alive.

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Race walking keeps on 'Rohl-ing'; Women break record in relay

Staier breaks previous meet record at the Alltel Indoor Classic

By JENNIFER A. NELSON

Flashlight Sports Co-Editor

Adam Staier vs. Matt Boyles. The two collegiate race walkers went head to head at the Alltel Indoor Track and Field Classic held at Ohio's University of Findlay on Feb. 1.

Staier won the 3,000 K race with a time of 12:07.04 breaking the 2000 record set by Gary Morgan of the New York Athletic Club. Boyles came in at 12:07.7.

"Adam really established himself with this win," head coach Michael Rohl said. "He is going to be a force in race walking at the national level for a long time to come."

Sarah MacIntyre, Lauren Oliveri and Rich Corell helped the Mountaineers' cause as well in the race walking competition. Assistant Coach Michelle Rohl showed her Olympic prestige as she won the women's competition at 13:37.90.

The DeSchrive Invitational was the sight of the women's indoor track team's glory. In 1998, Mansfield set a school record in the distance medley at 13:29.46. The team consisted of Nichole Beckel, Kelly

"Adam really established himself with this win. He is going to be a force in race walking at the national level for a long time to come."

-Coach Michael Rohl

Maines, Colleen Ryder and Brianne Liddick. This year, Teresa Stanford, Charity Learn, Kim Short and Stephanie Caldwell broke that record in the relay and replaced it with a time of 13:06.49.

Other highlights during competition at East Stroudsburg included Luke Walker's sixth place finish in the mile at 4:38.31. Dennis Folk also had a sixth place spot for the Mountie men in the pole vault; his mark was 13-0.

Josh Wooten grabbed the fourth position in the 1,000 meters to place for the men's team. He was six seconds short from the winning time.

Mansfield will compete at the PSAC championship Feb. 20-22 at West Chester University.



Sports Information

Luke Walker had a strong finish for the Mountie men at the DeSchrive Invitational. Walker's mile time was 4:38.31.

PSAC Shorts

Men's Basketball - Terrance Vaughns, a freshman guard from *Clarion University*, is the PSAC-West Rookie of the Week after he earned an average of 2.7 spg, 8.0 rpg, and 13.0 ppg, in three games last week.

Senior Gerald Redding scored 15 of his points (game high of 20) in the second half. Redding led four *Millersville* scorers in double figures, as they moved into second place in the PSAC East as they beat Kutztown on Feb. 1.

Women's Basketball - Megan Storck of *California University* led her team to a 67-65 win over Edinboro on Saturday night. California is 5-0 in PSAC West Division play.

Like her fellow classmate Gerald Redding, Morgan Banks scored 16 of her 20 points in the second half to lead *Millersville* to a 67-60 win over the Golden Bears of Kutztown on Feb. 1.

Swimming - The *Bloomsburg University* men's and women's swimming teams were defeated by the West Chester Golden Rams on Feb. 1.

Wrestling - For the second time in three dual matches this week, the Warrior grapples pulled out a victory on criteria. After dropping three decisions to start the match, *East Stroudsburg University* wrestled to five consecutive wins including key near fall points at 157 by Keith Smith and 165 by Brandon Mihalko for the victory 15-15 on near fall criteria against Brown University. The Warriors recorded their 12th win of the season to take their season mark to 12-3 which is the most wins by a Warrior team since going 14-6 for the 1997-98 campaign.

Indoor Track and Field - The *Edinboro University* men's and women's teams finished second and third, respectively this weekend at the Fredonia State Invitational.

The *Shippensburg University* men's and women's track and field teams had 23 athletes place among the top eight in their respective events in the second night of competition at the Bison Open at Bucknell University Feb. 1.

Mounties swim well but sink at East Stroudsburg

By CHAD LANDERS

Flashlight Sports Writer

The Mountie swimmers made the trip to East Stroudsburg on Feb. 1

Although the score was rather lopsided, several Mountie swimmers did very well.

Katie Houck, one of the team's co-captains, won the 100 freestyle and finished second in both the 200 freestyle and 50 freestyle.

Andrea Popovic, one of the team's biggest surprises this season, won both the 1,000 freestyle and the 500 freestyle. Popovic also finished second in the 200 individual medley.

Freshmen Charity Learn and Miranda Maikner also contributed to Mansfield's swim team. Maikner placed second in the 200 breaststroke and third in the 100 breaststroke.

Learn finished third in the

200 freestyle.

Coach Danita Fox was pleased with the Mountie swimmers' effort overall. "We swam well. We had six of the season's best times today," Fox said.

The Mountie swimmers are now 3-7 in the PSAC Conference.

Their final meet will take place at East Stroudsburg for the East Stroudsburg B-Invitational on Feb. 8.



Sports Information

Andrea Popovic has been a vital tool for the Mansfield women's team this season. She won the 1,000 and 500 freestyle at East Stroudsburg.

Mounties 'Rammed' by West Chester 84-60 in PSAC East matchup

By SARAH STOERMER

Flashlight Sports Writer

The Mansfield University men's basketball team fell to West Chester, 84-60.

Mansfield lagged behind by a point for a good part of the first half before West Chester went on an 8-2 run, taking a 36-25 lead, right before the teams cleared the floor for halftime.

The second half of play was pivotal for the Mountaineers. A 10-2 run that was headed by West Chester in the first five minutes of play took Mansfield by surprise.

The Mounties' Bill McNeil hit four straight three-pointers to cut the gap to 49-39 lead with only a little over 10 minutes remaining on the clock.

The Mountaineers were unable to pull any closer. The Mounties fall to 13-7 overall and drops to 2-3 in PSAC East action.

Despite Mansfield shooting a devastating season low of 29 percent from the floor, McNeil and Longpre proved themselves to be strong players. McNeil led the Mountaineers



Sports Information

Bill McNeil led the Mounties with 19 points in the teams 84-60 loss to West Chester.

with 19 points backed by 13 points from Longpre.

Ramzee Stanton of West Chester shot 22 points for the game high.

"I think that our shots didn't fall in the first half. We dug ourselves a hole that was hard to get out of," said freshman guard Dave Hoopes.

The Mounties next game is 8 p.m. tonight at East Stroudsburg University.

West holds off East 6-5 in the 53rd annual All-Star game

Heatley's MVP performance not enough to skate by the West

By MIKE PETERS

Flashlight Sports Writer

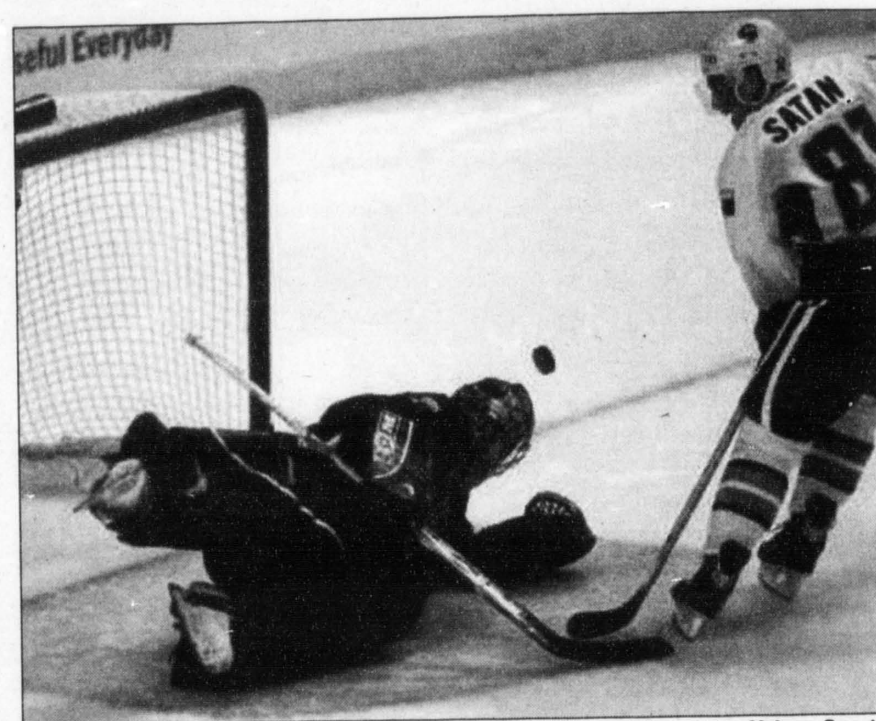
East All-Star Dany Heatley, of the Atlanta Thrashers, scored his teams first four goals in a losing effort, as the West All-Stars were victorious in the 53rd annual NHL All-Star game on Feb. 2.

The NHL reverted from the five-year-old "World vs. North America" format to the classic East vs. West match-up. The East won the last three meet-



Yahoo Sports

Dany Heatley was named MVP for the 2003 NHL All-Star Game.



Yahoo Sports

Dallas Stars goalie Marty Turco, is unable to stop a shot by Buffalo Sabres' Miroslav Satan during a shoot-out after overtime at the end of the NHL All-Star game

ings. This was the first time the Western Conference has won the game since 1992, when it was known as the Campbell Conference.

This was the first All-Star game settled in overtime since 1988 and the first to end in a shootout. After a five-all regulation tie set up the fourth overtime All-Star game, the West won 6-5 when Markus Naslund, Bill Guerin and Paul Kariya scored in the shootout against Ottawa Senators' goalie Patrick Lalime. Heatley was the only player to score for the East against goalie Marty Turco.

In his first ever All-Star game, Heatley was awarded the game's Most Valuable Player Award.

His four goals tied a record set by past stars, Wayne Gretzky, Mario Lemieux, Vincent Damphousse and Mark Gartner.

Heatley also made the record book for being the youngest All-Star with a hat trick. With four goals and one assist,

Heatley was one shy of matching Lemieux's 1988 record of six points.

The hometown star Olli Jokinen, the Florida Panthers Center, scored the fifth and final Eastern goal.

The left wing of the Minnesota Wild, Marion Gaborik, scored one goal and assisted two for the Western All-Stars. Al MacInnis, a St. Louis Blues defenseman, scored for the West in his first All-Star appearance in three years, along with Mike Modano of the Dallas Stars and Peter Forsberg of the Colorado Avalanche.

Long time Pittsburgh Penguin, and now Washington Capital star Jaromir Jagr contributed two assists to his team's victory.

During the regular season, a 6-5 game is a high scoring game. With the recent history of this annual game, this was considered a battle of goal-tenders. There have been 212 goals scored in the previous 13 All-Star games.

This Week in Mountie Sports

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Women's Basketball	East Stroudsburg Away			Millersville Away			

Nelson and Pellegrino's "Hot Topic"

2003 NBA All-Star Weekend

By JENNIFER A. NELSON
Flashlight Sports Co-Editor

Lovin' it in Hotlanta!

The weekend begins with the 1 800 CALL ATT Shootout. Peja Stojakovic, Antoine Walker, Wesley Person, David Wesley, Pat Garrity and Brent Barry will all give it their best "shot" in this competition.

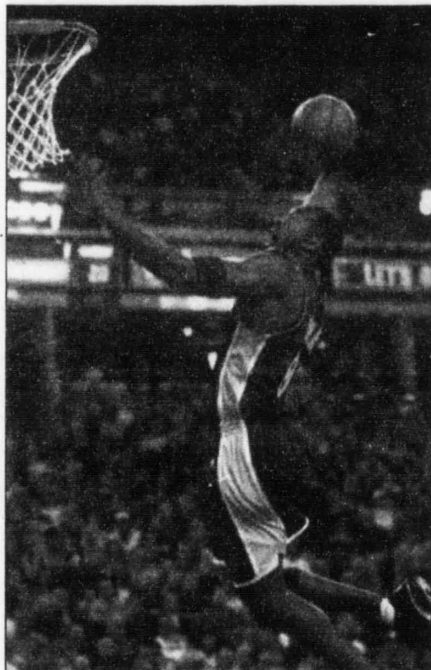
The Kings' Stojakovic will try to repeat last year's performance at Philip's Arena on Saturday. I wish I were the sweepstakes winner who takes home the \$50,000 prize! (I'm going to say that Walker wins this year.)

We move next to the Sprite Rising Stars Slam Dunk. Last year, Golden State's Jason Richardson won. This contest features four talents in their first, second, or third year in the NBA. My pick: Desmond Mason. He was the champ in '01 - he'll bring it back to the Sonics.

The newest event is for point guards only - the 989 Sports Skills Challenge. The participants are Jason Kidd, Stephon Marbury, Tony Parker, and nine-time All-Star, Gary Payton. I really don't think these guys need money. Well, at least it will be a good show. My pick: Stephon Marbury of the Suns.

Probably the most exciting contest of All-Star weekend is the Jeep All-Star Hoop-It-Up. (Jeep All-Star Hoop-It-Up is a 3-on-3 game featuring two teams consisting of an NBA player, WNBA player, NBA legend and celebrity. The event will be a 3-on-3 half-court game with teams from Atlanta and Los Angeles. **This information was taken from nba.com/all-star 2003.**)

After all the fun stuff, comes the 2003 NBA All-Star Game! I can't wait; I've been looking forward to this all season. I hope it's as good as last year's game. (Rewind: the West beat the East, 135-120. Kobe Bryant was the game's most valuable player with 30 points.) My pick: the West wins again by 20 points; MVP: Kobe Bryant. (But if the East can put up a good fight, then I'll say Jermaine O'Neal.)



Yahoo Sports

L.A. Lakers standout Kobe Bryant looks to heat up this year's game.

By GREGORY PELLEGRINO
Flashlight Sports Co-Editor

Wild times ahead

'Love it Live,' is the slogan for the NBA this season, and there is no better time to love the NBA than now. Maybe that statement is a little exaggerated because of the recent 'bad boy,' image of the NBA, but with All-Star weekend approaching, the stars will be out shining.

For the league's sake, the stars better be shining. With all the recent events, which have given the NBA a bad image, there is no better time than now for a break in the action. All-Star weekend in Atlanta on paper looks to be a memorable event. Just looking at the line-ups is enough to say the game is going to be a wild one.

However, it's not the All-Star game that I'm dying to see. I'm more excited about seeing the 'Got Milk' Rookie Challenge. These young stars will have you sitting on the edge of your seat. The freshman squad features standouts in the likes of Miami's Caron Butler, Chicago's Jay Williams, Cleveland's Dajuan Wagner and teenager phenom Amare Stoudemire has this young squad turning the game into a slam dunk extravaganza.

Facing off against the new comers to the league are last years rookies. The sophomores look to be relying on their shooting game in sharp shooters in San Antonio's Tony Parker and Memphis's Pau Gasol. They will also rely on the *razzle dazzle* play of New Jersey's Richard Jefferson, and last year's slam dunk champion Jason Richardson is sure to put on a show for the fans.

Now that I'm done ranting about how much I can't wait to see the Rookie challenge, it's now time to cause some controversy in predicting who's going to win this All-Star weekend.

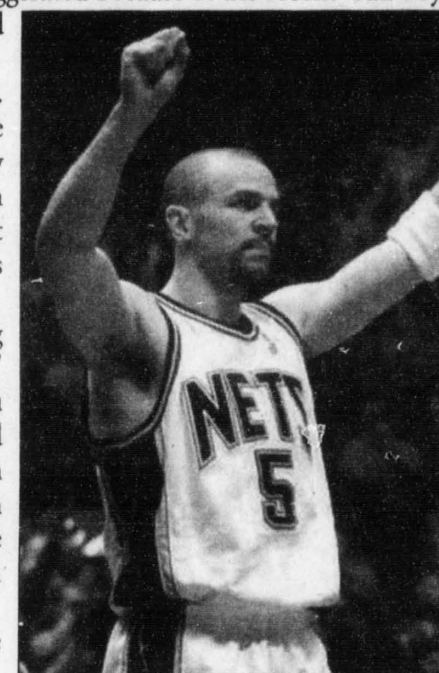
*Rookie Challenge: The Freshman

*Three Point Competition: Brent Barry

*Slam Dunk Contest: Amare Stoudemire

*2003 All Star Game: East

*MVP: Jason Kidd



Yahoo Sports

New Jersey's Jason Kidd looks to help the East tame the West All-Stars in Atlanta.

This Week In Sports...Some Star Shootout

By JOE "UGO" BARBANO
Flashlight Sports Writer

I'll admit, I have no particular affinity for any of those league-sponsored beauty contests affectionately known as "All-Star Games."

Usually, many deserving stars are left off the rosters, and many fading stars are included for sentimental reasons. Many other "stars" after being named to the game simply skip the game altogether - satisfied with the bonus money they've earned for being selected. Why not call the games what they actually are- Some Star Games.

Next week, it will be the NBA's turn at Some Stardom. As

far as I know, there is at least some pretense of competitiveness in the NBA's version, although I doubt anyone would risk injury by playing all out. The NFL and NHL have gone to great lengths to ensure the participants come away unscathed. At the Pro Bowl, special rules prevent blitzing and rules protect the quarterback. In the NHL, the only checking you'll find is at the nearest bank.

I wonder if baseball commissioner "Bud" Selig happened to catch the NHL Some Star game Sunday. Recall that, last July, Selig declared the MLB Some-Star Game a tie after 11 innings,

when both sides ran out of pitchers. When the NHL version ended in a tie after three periods on Feb 2, a five-minute overtime period ensued. With the game still tied, the winner was eventually decided by an Olympic-style shootout. Good thinking! The Western Conference won the shootout 3-1, and won the game 6-5, by the way.

Looks like the LaBronathon is over for a couple of months at least. LaBron James, the prep phenom for St. Vincent-St. Mary School of Akron, Ohio, was declared ineligible to play high school hoops after he accepted two "throwback" jerseys (valued

at \$845) from a Cleveland sporting goods store. Compared to the \$50,000 Hummer he received from his unemployed mother as a birthday present. (\$845 worth of sports jerseys seems rather petty to suspend the kid for.)

The question is, had he NOT been the top high school player in the nation, would the store have demonstrated the same largess?

It's not all James' fault, mind you, but let's not call this kid a victim, either. Granted, there are a ton of vultures around him that will cash in handsomely when he's chosen number one in the NBA draft on June 26.

James, himself, has not been too shy to admit he has "enjoyed the ride." As well he should. It makes one wonder about how many other phenoms are cashing in early, but haven't been caught yet.

Although this is supposed to be a sports column, I would be remiss if I didn't express my condolences to the families of the Space Shuttle Columbia crew.

The events of last Saturday morning are a tragic, sobering reminder that, in the grand scheme of things, sport is but entertainment; a mostly pleasant diversion.



Flashlight Sports

MANSFIELD UNIVERSITY ❖ MANSFIELD, PENNSYLVANIA ❖ WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2003

Mosley reaches 1,000

By GREGORY PELLEGRINO

Flashlight Sports Co-Editor

After snapping their six game losing streak against the Wolves of Cheyney, the Mansfield University women's basketball team was looking to add to that success.

This past week, the Mounties traveled to Cresson, Pa to play a non-conference game against Mt. Aloysius.

Mansfield jumped out with a double-digit lead entering half time as they led 44-27 in part of the teams 58 percent field goal shooting compared to Mt. Aloysius 30 percent first half shooting.

In the second half, Mt. Aloysius mounted a comeback, but it wasn't enough as senior Lynelle Mosley posted 10 of her game high 17 points in the second half. The Mounties would have five players in double-digits.

Mosley led the way with 17, as senior Allyson Buss added 16 points. Juniors Jessica Pfeiffer and Rachel Reider each scored 15 points a piece. Sophomore Stephanie Reiser added 10 of her own. The Mounties held on with a 85-73 victory.

With the win, the Mounties improved to 7-11 overall in the standings.

Mansfield would continue their roadtrip as they traveled south to face off against the Golden Rams of West Chester in a key PSAC East game.

Mansfield found themselves trailing 40-31 at the half. However, their deficit would increase as they found themselves trailing by 20 points with 7:32 remaining.

The Mounties were able to cut the lead to 81-73 on a three-point-er by Mosley with just over a



Sports Information

Stephanie Reiser scored 10 points in the teams 85-73 win over Mt. Aloysius.

minute to play, but it wasn't enough as West Chester went on to defeat Mansfield 84-73.

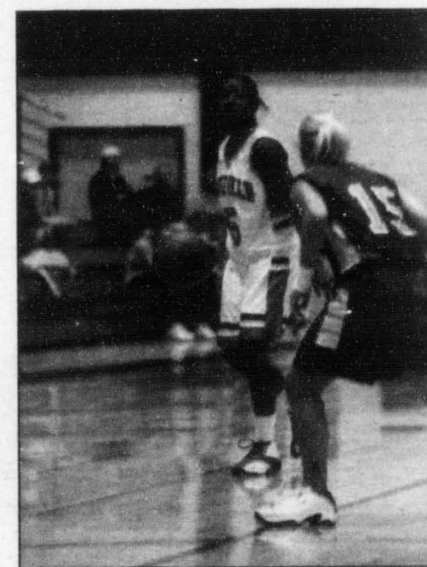
"We're very positive, even though we lost a few games we've

played at our best," said Mosley. "We're a very confident team. We feel we could knock off any team as long as we play our best. There is no negativity, we're capable of beating any team on our schedule."

Despite the loss, the Mounties had reason to celebrate. Lynelle Mosley became the eighth player in school history to reach the 1,000 point milestone.

"Lynelle has been such an important part of our program over the past four seasons," said coach Ruth Henderson. "The 1,000 point milestone is another great accomplishment for someone who holds the school record for steals and ranks among the top three in assists. Her game today today was a reflection of that-- 18 points, five assists, and four steals."

Last season, Mosley broke the school record for steals and now has



Sports Information

Lynelle Mosley became the eighth player to score 1,000 points in a career.

the 1,000 point milestone to add to her resume.

The Mounties next game is 6 p.m. tonight against the Warriors of East Stroudsburg at Koehler Fieldhouse.

Boxing knocks out Decker

By AMY KENDIG

Flashlight Sports Writer

It was a day of competitiveness and excitement for the fans during Mansfield's annual boxing invitational on Feb. 1.

Luke Stranerie won the only match for the Mountaineers against Penn State University and Lock Haven University.

"I was glad that I won and didn't get knocked around too much, but now I have to learn some discipline along with the technical stuff," Stranerie said.

There were a few hundred fans that were at Decker Gym to cheer on the Mansfield boxing club. Penn State came out on top winning three matches, Lock Haven came in second winning two matches, and Mansfield placed third with one match.

"Both teams came in pretty strong," Mansfield head coach Dennis Garner said.

"I was a little discouraged that we didn't get as many wins, but I am confident that the Mansfield squad will become stronger, and they shouldn't hang their heads."

Lock Haven had two ranked boxers including two-time bronze medallist Miro Jele, from Bulgaria and Christina Munski.

The first three matches were sparring matches, which did not count for points. Debbie Makatura, Jason Ficken and Matt Becker fought first for the Mounties. Eighteen boxers participated in each of the nine matches that lasted three rounds.

Debbie Makatura fought in the first match, which was against Lock

Haven's Christina Munski. This is Makatura's first semester in the boxing club and her first time in the ring.

"I was happy with how I boxed, but I hope to find more opponents on my level," Makatura said.

Debbie is the first female to represent Mansfield's boxing club in the ring. In the first match for points in the 145-weight class, Penn Sates' Ryan Manning won against Mansfield's Mike Ross, 2-1.

It was a first time in the ring for Manning and Ross, as was the case in most of the matches. As fierce as the punches were flying, the fight ended in good grace.

In the 185-weight class, Stranerie of Mansfield dominated over the Nittany Lions' Jude Jeriche, 2-0. Stranerie started out by

throwing brutal right and left hooks, blocking well, and intelligently countering his opponent. He continued the same pace throughout the second round until his opponent could not finish.

"After this match, I now know what to expect in the ring," Stranerie said.

In the last match of the tournament, the Mounties' Don Barcus lost against Lock Haven's Miro Jele.

Even though the two men fought until they had no more, the referees called the 195-weight class fight after the second round. This tournament gave Coach Garner and the assistant coaches an idea of the level the athletes are on and what they need to improve on.

"I think the biggest thing that the

team needs to work on is countering more and pivoting closer to their opponents to get more points," Garner said.

Overall, the team was glad to get one win under their belt, and they will adjust to where improvement is needed to succeed.

"In order to become better, it depends on the individual, and it depends on their heart as to how well they will do," Garner said.

The Mansfield boxing club will prepare for their two upcoming matches on Feb. 15 at Penn State and Feb. 22 at Lock Haven.

"It will be interesting to see what happens at our upcoming matches," Makatura said. "Hopefully we will get more wins, and I think overall, the team gave it all they had."



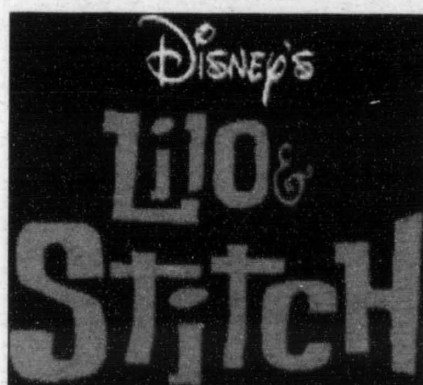
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New Maple A debuts this summer

By DYLAN BRUCIE

Flashlight Editor-in-Chief

Students who long for the single rooms they weren't able to get this and last semester will be able to rejoice next semester after Maple A is finally reopened.

According to Larry Watts, Assistant Director of Residence Life, renovations in Maple A will be finished in late May or early June. Although the dorm was originally scheduled to be open to students at the beginning of this semester, complications arose that needed to be taken care of. "We wanted to make sure that when students get back all the glitches will have been worked out," Watts said.

Over the past months, crews have been working to improve several features in Maple A. When the dorm is reopened, there will be all new carpet, paint and lounges as well as upgrades to the plumbing, heating and insulation.

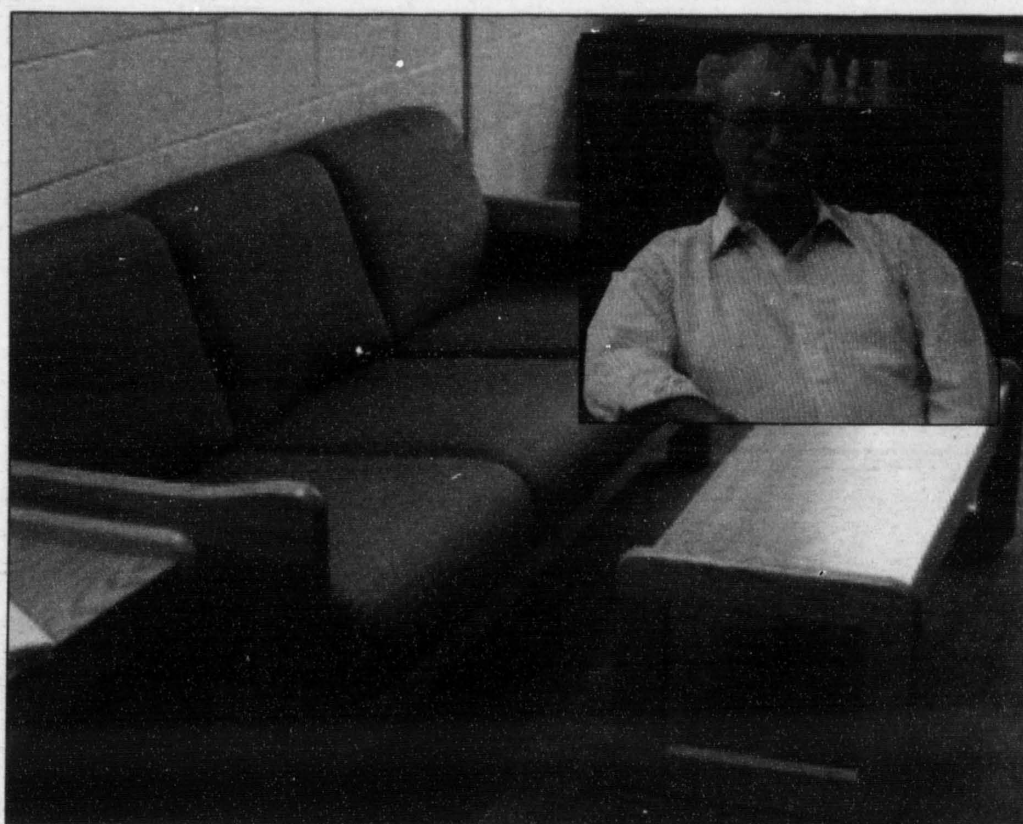
Maple was opened in the mid-1960s and has not had any renovations since that point until now. "Stuff has been there a long time," said Watts, referring to plumbing in the building that hasn't been touched since it was built. With the new plumbing, there will be better water quality and tempera-

ture control. With the new plumbing comes a brand new sprinkler system for every room.

Maple is now more handicapped friendly than it has ever been before with the addition of more ramps within the building and an access door for students and visitors in wheelchairs to use. The bathrooms have also been updated to accommodate handicapped individuals.

Various floors of the newly renovated Maple A will be reserved for special interest floors such as 24-hour quiet hours and wellness.

Between \$10-12,000 was spent to put brand new furniture in the lounges on every floor of Maple A. Each one of these lounges will also have a television set. New improvements will benefit the main lounge connecting the two sides of Maple as well with the additions of a big screen television and a new jukebox. To further accommodate Maple residents, a



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New furniture is already in all the lounges of Maple A, thanks in part to the efforts of Larry Watts (pictured), the assistant director of residence life.

new weight room just opened at the beginning of this month, which was designed by Watts.

For those living in other dorms feeling that their dorms should get the same treatment, plans are in motion to renovate all the dorms in this fashion over the next five to six years, according to Watts. Michael Lemasters, Director of Residence Life and Interim Vice President for Student Affairs, will be heading the project that will bring renovations to every building.

Once the dorm opens this summer, it will be home to kids attending summer camps and conferences. As for who gets to move into Maple A when it is reopened to Mansfield University students, individuals who previously lived in Maple A and were forced to move out due to the construction will be receiving letters within the next two weeks asking if they would like to move back in. RAs who previously worked in Maple A will be allowed to return also if they so desire.



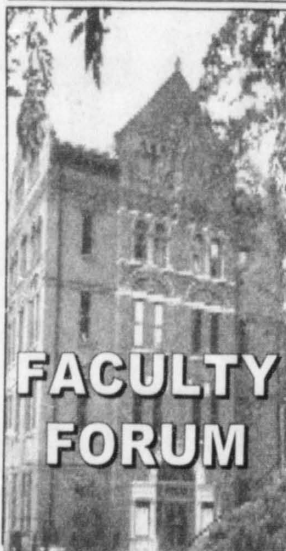
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Brand new mattresses line the hallways of Maple A as final preparations are made for its reopening.



HOLLY LOEFFLER/THE FLASHLIGHT

Maple A has been under construction for six months.



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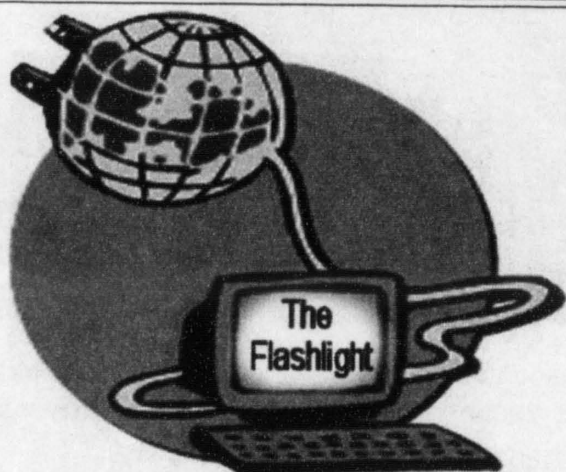
Faculty and Staff are invited to a **Valentine's Day** gathering in the Employee Lounge on Friday, February 14th from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Pizza and salad will be provided. This is sponsored by the Employee Recognition Committee.

Faculty and staff items of interest to the campus community should be sent to scarrish@mnsfld.edu. Items will be limited only by space and clarity.

POLICE BEAT

January 30, 2003 - Possession of a Controlled Substance: Michael Kipe, 19, was charged with possession and use of marijuana in his Hemlock dorm room.

If you have any information regarding these or other cases, please contact the police at 662-4900 or submit a tip anonymously at http://www.mnsfld.edu/~police/Anonymous_Tip.htm



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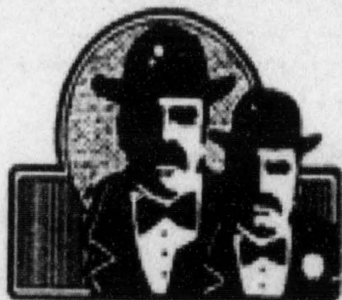
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Info-to-Go

Campus Bulletin Board

★ **Need a ride to Philadelphia for Spring Break?** There will be a bus leaving from the Kelchner Fitness Center at 3 p.m. on Feb. 28. It will make three stops in Philadelphia, and will also stop in Harrisburg if enough students are interested. The cost is \$45 round trip, and \$25 one-way. Preference is given to students who sign up for the round trip. Money must be paid in full by Feb. 21 at the Student Accounts Office. Call Chris Vaughn at x4878 or Lee Bostic at x4247 for more information.

★ The French Club will be hosting a **Mardi Gras** celebration this Friday at 8 p.m. in the Multipurpose room of the Student Center. Admission is \$3 per person and \$5 per couple. It is a semi-formal event, and masks, beads, drinks and food will be provided. Funded by Student Activities Fees.

★ Mansfield University will host the Pennsylvania Intercollegiate Band Festival Feb. 28 through March 2. **Host families are needed** to provide housing and transportation for the more than 120 visiting college and university musicians. Host families would pick up students from Steadman Theatre on the MU campus Friday and Saturday at 9 p.m. and drop students off Saturday and Sunday morning at 8:30 a.m. All host families will receive two complimentary tickets to the concert, which is March 2 at 2 p.m. For more information or to volunteer to be a host family call (570)662-4710.

★ Needed: friendly, enthusiastic members of the **Class of 2003** to solicit donations from their classmates for the annual class gift. Experience the satisfaction of knowing your class has left a lasting impression on MU! Call Dixie Sheridan at x4296 for more information.

★ The **Mu Xi Literary Society** is now accepting submissions for the Spring 2003 issue of **Edge City**, MU's student literary magazine. Send hard copies of your poetry, short fiction and non-fiction prose to Mu Xi, Box 73, Alumni Hall Student Center, or send electronic copies to Dr. John Ulrich at julrich@mnsfld.edu. Be sure to include your name and contact information with your submission. Deadline for submissions is Feb. 28. **Edge City** is funded by the Student Activities Fees.

★ Every Wednesday from 7 to 10 p.m. a **billiards tournament** will be held in Alumni Hall Student Center. Last week's winners are: 1st- Ryan Seigart; 2nd- Jared Howe; 3rd- Mike Natishak.

★ A limited number of **scholarships for returning students** are available. Please stop by the Office of Financial Planning at Alumni Hall 104 to obtain an application. All applications must be returned by March 15.

★ The **President's Commission on the Status of Women** urges female students to show their appreciation to a member of the MU community who has succeeded in making a positive difference in their lives, and has contributed to their success at Mansfield. The students are asked to write a letter about how this person has made a difference. An Appreciation Luncheon will be held at the end of March for students and nominees. A form can be obtained by contacting Sheila Kasperek, 217 North Hall, or e-mail skaspere@mnsfld.edu by Friday, February 28.

Announcements for **Info-to-Go** can be e-mailed to flashlit@mnsfld.edu

PRSSA promotes chocolatey goodness in a jar

By JONATHAN SCHWAB

Flashlight Writer

The Mansfield University chapter of the Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA) will spend the month of February unveiling a public relations campaign throughout the campus, as part of the national PRSSA's annual Bateman Case Study Competition.

The Bateman Competition requires each participating chapter to form a public relations campaign for the year's product. Only undergraduate students who are members of the PRSSA are allowed to create, construct, or communicate any aspect of the case study. This year's product is Nutella, a chocolate hazelnut spread, which is currently the top-selling spread in the world, according to the national PRSSA



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Nutella, once available only in Europe, is now sold all over the world.

website.

"We've been doing a lot of planning for special events that we're implementing in February. We're looking at doing two special events, one on the 10th or 12th and one on the 20th; a bake-off and an eat-off," Colin Coleman, president of

MU's chapter of PRSSA, said.

This month will be just a portion of the whole competition, which will culminate with one entry being chosen as the new public relations campaign for Nutella. Regardless of how well the MU chapter does in the competition, the long-term rewards that will come from the experience will be valuable for those interested in public relations, like Coleman.

"It gives great experience in trying to do a PR campaign, without a professional helper... and it's a great resume-builder when you're looking for PR jobs or internships... to put that you were on a Bateman team," he said.

Other prizes for the winners include \$2,500 and a trophy for the grand prize winner, \$1500 and a plaque for 2nd place and

\$1000 and a plaque for 3rd place.

When considering the prospect of winning the competition and possibly having Nutella's newest public relations campaign come from Mansfield University, Coleman did not hold back.

"It would be absolutely amazing."

The implementation period for

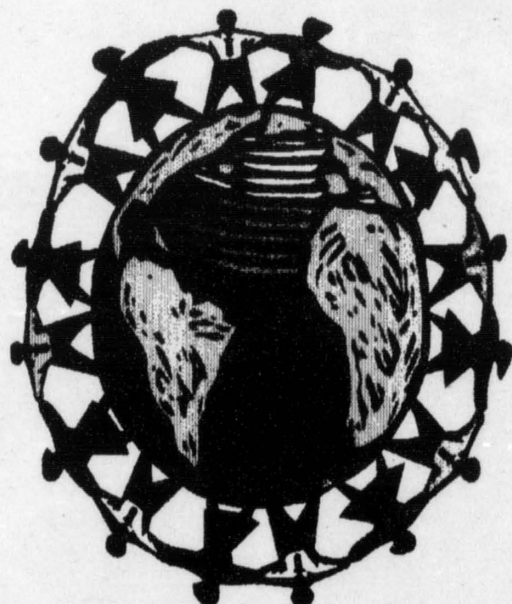
Nutella on college campuses across America will run the entire month of February. All entries must be received by PRSSA headquarters by March 25 and the three finalists will be announced on April 7. The grand prize winner will be announced in Somerset, New Jersey on May 2.

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MU offers a ride to Philly

By RACHEL ADAMS
Flashlight News Editor

C'mon, let's face it. Between spending gas money, riding in a cramped car and trying to negotiate all that city traffic, a trip to Philadelphia for Spring Break can be mighty stressful.

That's where Chris Vaughn and Lee Bostic come in. The pair are heading up a Mansfield University program that offers an inexpensive, comfortable, stress-free ride on a Benedict's charter bus. For \$45, you get a round-trip ticket (\$25 one-way) from the Kelchner Fitness Center to one of three points in Philadelphia. And, when you think about it, that's a whole lot cheaper than filling up your gas tank for the trip, not to mention the wear and tear on your vehicle.

The bus will leave from the fitness center on Feb. 28 at 3 p.m. and will arrive in Philadelphia around 7 p.m. The three stops it will make are, the Girl's High School, Overbrook High School, and Carver High School of

Engineering and Science. Those destinations aren't set in stone, however, Bostic stressed. Depending upon where the majority of students would like to go, the drop-off points can be altered.

Although there isn't a stop for dinner on the way, it can be negotiated if all the students are interested.

For those who buy a round-trip ticket, the bus will pick up the students from those three points beginning at 1 p.m. on March 7, and will return to MU around 5 p.m. that night.

The deadline to turn in your payment is Feb. 21. Anyone who pays in full by that date is guaranteed a seat. Money will still be accepted after that date, but on a first-come first-served basis only.

There are 46 seats open on the bus, but if less than 20 are filled, an MU van will be taken. Contact Lee Bostic at x4247 or Chris Vaughn at x4878 to reserve your seat. Checks may be made out to Mansfield University, and can be given to Student Accounts Office in South Hall.



Mountie Den begins delivery

By JONATHAN SCHWAB
Flashlight Writer

The Mountie Den will begin its new delivery service today.

The menu for the service is similar to the one Mansfield students see when they eat at the Den, according to Michael Raub, Assistant Director of Dining Services.

"We're actually delivering the Subversions menu and the Pete's Arena menu for the Mountie Den from Monday through Friday, 8 p.m. to midnight," Raub said.

"We had the idea first semester, but there were some problems, and we didn't want to open up with problems," Raub said.

"We wanted to make sure everything was working properly before we rolled out the program."

Now that the new delivery service is ready to be implemented, stu-

dents are wanted to make deliveries.

"We will be hiring students... [To apply] they can see any Mountie Den supervisor and they can pick up an application in the Dining Services office," Raub said.

There are at least three noticeable differences between actually going to the Den, and ordering from a dorm room for delivery. Cash and flex are the required forms of payment for a delivery; meal equivalency is not accepted as a form of payment. Any pizza that is ordered must be ordered by the whole pizza. Also, pizzas that have been available in the past as only daily specials are now available during the regular delivery hours.

Students are also enthusiastic



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Subversions subs will now be available through the Mountie Den's delivery service.

about the new service.

"Having the Den deliver is probably one of the most outstanding ideas from food service," junior Chris Hake said.

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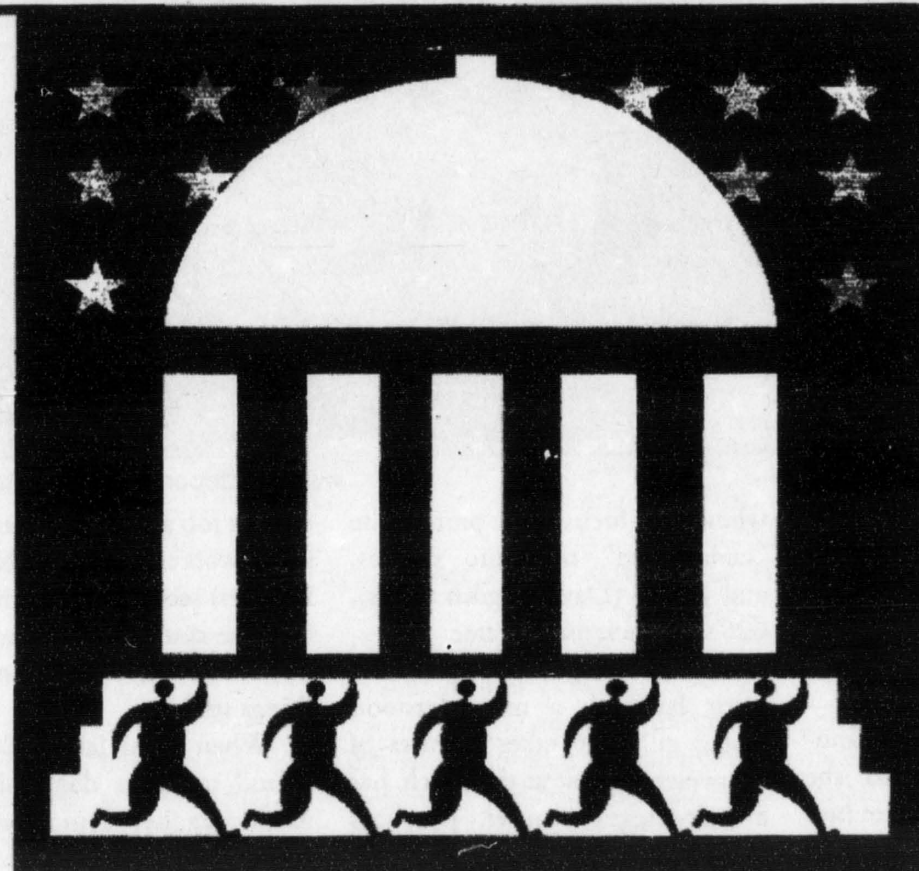
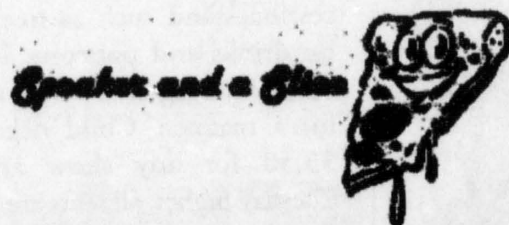
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DVD Review: Lilo & Stitch

By ANDRE BENNETT

Flashlight Writer

Lilo & Stitch is not just another Disney movie. It sparkles with a wit, intelligence and heart I've never seen in any other Disney production. In fact, I will go on record and say that this tale of a girl and her alien is not only the best animated Disney film I've ever seen, and one of Disney's best productions overall, but also one of the funniest, most touching comedies I have ever seen.

Based on an idea by Chris Sanders, and written and directed by Sanders and Dean DeBlois, *Lilo & Stitch*'s story blends humor, pathos, and a bit of science fiction as well. Stitch (voiced by Sanders), whose original name is Experiment 626, is a genetically engineered alien created to be the perfect soldier. Given that his sole purpose is to destroy, 626 is an understandably nasty little beast and the Galactic Council votes to have him exiled to a maximum security asteroid. 626 has other plans and he escapes to Earth. Immediately, the Council dispatches an unlikely pair to recapture him: environmentalist Agent Pleakley (Kevin McDonald),



whose real focus is to protect the "endangered" mosquito species, and Jumba (David Ogden Stiers), 626's mad scientist creator.

Lilo (Daveigh Chase), on the other hand, is a misunderstood young girl who takes pictures of overweight people at the beach, has a hair-trigger temper, practices voodoo, and is obsessed with Elvis. She lives with her older sister Nani (Tia Carrere), who has been her legal guardian ever since their parents died in an automobile accident. While Nani struggles to hold

down a job and keep a rein on Lilo, social worker Cobra Bubbles (Ving Rhames) seems to think that someone else could do a better job and gives Nani only a little time to get things straight.

When Nani takes Lilo to the pound to get a dog, thinking it might do her some good, Lilo meets 626, who had been taken there after being hit by a truck. Something about his personality appeals to her, and she adopts him, naming him Stitch. Stitch's original motivation to stay with Lilo is to

stay away from Jumba and Pleakley, but along the way, he begins to realize the emptiness of his own existence, even as his destructive ways cause massive headaches for Nani and Lilo.

Of course, it's a Disney movie, so it isn't hard to imagine where the story will lead. The fun, of course, is in watching everything unfold. Disney has been turning away from musicals since *Tarzan* (aside from sequels to their animated musicals), so *Lilo & Stitch* can't rely on big song-and-dance numbers to hold the audience's attention. What the film does have up its sleeve are characters that really seem to live and breathe. Lilo isn't the typical animated little girl. She's cute, but also troubled and a little disturbed. Nani doesn't have all of the answers for her, and barely has enough patience sometimes, although she loves her sister more than anything. Stitch's transformation is probably the best to watch, from ornery hellraiser to "cute and fluffy" friend, though it isn't without a lot of trouble and a few tears. None of these characters, from Lilo and Stitch to Jumba and Cobra

Bubbles, come across as stereotypical or flat. I found that to be the film's biggest surprise.

Of course, I can't talk about an animated film without mentioning the animation, especially when it is a film as gorgeous as this one. If Disney animators reached the limits of what traditional animation could do, no one told them. The film's watercolor look is beautiful, and the character designs, while different from the typical Disney look, are quite charming nonetheless. The animation itself is incredibly fluid, even more than I had expected from the Mouse House.

It seems obvious that Disney is doing anything it can to retain its position as the world's preeminent animation studio, even in the face of Japanese animators coming for its throne. It looks as though a new guard of creators, such as Chris Sanders, have given the studio a necessary injection of added creativity. While past efforts have seemed somewhat labored to me, I can't think of a single animated feature as fun to watch as *Lilo & Stitch*. Even if you don't like animation, it is indeed well worth your time.

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Kangaroo Jack (PG)

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How to Lose a Guy in Ten Days (PG-13)

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SIFE business review

By KAREN PERRY

Flashlight Writer

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The Arcadia Theatre is located at 50 Main St., next to the Penn Wells hotel. By using classic décor and architecture, the theatre has a relaxing atmosphere that adds something extra to a regular night out to the movies.

Arcadia contains four theatres—two smaller ones, one large one, and one that is used for "dinner and a movie."

You can get deals at the concession stand such as free refills on drinks and popcorn. It costs \$5.50 for a regular viewing and \$4 for a matinee. Child tickets are \$3.50 for any show and on Tuesday nights, all seats are \$3.50. For more information and show times, call (570) 724-4957.

Potential spring act: The Roots

By HEATHER OISTER

Flashlight Writer

Hip-hop group The Roots is one act being considered for the 2003 Spring Semester's concert.

It all started back in 1987 at Philadelphia's High School for the Performing Arts when rapper Black Thought (Tariq Trotter) teamed up with drummer guest-love (Ahmir Thompson). The two joined together, adding others along the way. They started out playing on street corners and talent shows. The group soon gained recognition on the underground circuit. In 1993, they were asked to perform at a German music festival. This performance got The Roots recognized by Remedy Records who helped them to release their first album *Organix*. The then embarked on a European tour.

The group's next move, in 1995, was to join Geffen records and



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release *Do You Want More*. The album featured top jazz artists and allowed them to crossover into the attention of alternative music fans. The act was therefore invited to perform on the Lollapalooza Tour.

That year, they also played the Montreux International Jazz Festival. Another notable addition that year was Rahzel, the human beatbox often referred to as The Godfather Of Noyze.

This change proved to be successful in winning over a larger spectrum of rap fans and served as a platform for the group to start experimenting more with technical aspects. The album, also released in censored for-

mat in chain stores, contained the hit "Keep It Real." The act went on to perform as part of the Smokin' Grooves tour the following year. 1999 saw two albums under MCA Music. *Thing Fall Apart* showcased The Roots furthering their experimentation and creativity while remaining to tradition. "You Got Me" featuring Erykah Badu was one of the album's more prominent tracks, reaching the top five on US charts. The second album released that year was a live one entitled *The Roots Come Alive*.

The group's most recent album *Phrenology* was released last year. It contains the track "Break You Off" featuring Musiq.

"Sometimes it's hard making art-based records while trying to get on the playlists and all that," once commented Quest. "So at the end of the day, I gotta do what I do best. Which is make our records."

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Random Ramblings

By RACHEL ADAMS ☆
& COREY MEOLA ☆
Flashlight News Editor and
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★ Commercial Rant of the Week: Those Winterfresh commercials where the people send in their own humble/pathetic tributes to chewing gum. I saw one where these cheerleaders were jumping around like, "Winterfresh! Icy fresh breath! Wheel!" IT'S %#@*ING CHEW-ING GUM, PEOPLE!

☞ In sports (excluding golf) and games, it is a good thing to get points. When you're driving, it is not. My Little and I have decided that points on your license should be a good thing. Instead of getting points for breaking the law, you should get points for following it. And, as an extra incentive to get

points, every time you get 100 points, you get a pony. If you break the law, you lose points, and if you dip below 100 after receiving that many, you have to give the pony back. We feel that this would make for much safer drivers.

★ Thumbs up to Jazzman's Cafe for their excellent chicken caesar salads and new fruit and yogurt cups. Thumbs down to the Mountie Den for running out of caesar salad dressing, thus necessitating a walk all the way over to Jazzman's. *tsk* I hate effort.

☞ I have just decided that everybody needs to have at least one tattoo. I have no real reason on which to base this decision, I'm just using my power as a Rambler to tell you what I think.

I have two and my fellow Rambler will have one soon, so why not you?

★ Aww! Someone has a Valentine's Day crush on me! There isn't anything that can lift your spirits like a note from a secret admirer...unless it's a note from a secret admirer with a \$50 check attached. Box 305 Pinecrest, Don Juan...I'm waiting. :)

☞ I would like to state for the record that the microwave is the best invention ever. I moved off campus for this year and we have a decent sized kitchen with everything we would need to cook and I think I've used the oven maybe 5 times total, and I know I haven't even touched the toaster oven. The microwave has basically kept me alive. Thank you radiation.

TOP 15

Top Fifteen
Billboard Hot 100
Singles this week

1. "All I Have," Jennifer Lopez Feat. LL Cool J
2. "Mesmerize," Ja Rule Feat. Ashanti
3. "Bump, Bump, Bump," B2K & P. Diddy
4. "In Da Club," 50 Cent
5. "Beautiful," Christina Aguilera
6. "I'm With You," Avril Lavigne
7. "Cry Me A River," Justin Timberlake
8. "Miss You," Aaliyah
9. "Landslide," Dixie Chicks
10. "'03 Bonnie & Clyde," Jay-Z Feat. Beyonce Knowles
11. "Gossip Folks," Missy "Misdemeanor" Elliott Feat. Ludacris
12. "Air Force Ones," Nelly Feat. Kyjuan, Ali & Murphy Lee
13. "Ignition," R. Kelly
14. "Don't Mess With My Man," Nivea Feat. Brian & Brandon Casey
15. "Picture," Kid Rock Featuring Sheryl Crow

GEEKculture

By TODD BAILEY
Flashlight Writer

• First and foremost I want to take the time to tell my grandfather, Herbert J. MacIntyre, that I love him and always will love him and I miss him. He was a lot more than just a grandfather to me. He was my hunting buddy, my idol, and my friend. I miss him dearly.

• Well my GEEKlets, it's here! The first volume of Married: With Children has hit DVD shelves all over the nation! FUNNY stuff! Classic even! Man, Transformers and Married: With Children are on DVD now. There is a God! Why are you still here? Read the rest later! Go! Go buy it!!!!

• I got the chance to play "The Getaway" on PS2. I must say not too bad, not too bad at all.

• The Star Wars saga rules! Everyone should be a fan!

• Looks like you Potter fans out there better start saving your hard-earned (or borrowed) cash. Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix, the fifth year at Hogwarts, is set to cost you anxious readers \$29.99, a whopping four dollars more than the earlier books. Crap, between the books, movies, and merchandise, J. K. Rowling must be like Scrooge McDuck and literally swimming in the cash (U.S. Dollars). Can anyone say GREEDY??

• I am pretty pumped for this year's "No Way Out" pay-per-view. Hogan/Rock 2 should be a great match! Now that Hogan is back, Rock will be around for a bit, Austin is making a comeback, HHH is healthy, Jericho is getting better by the day, the Dudley's are reformed, Big Poppa Pump is under contract, and HBK is still active...man, there's hope for us wrestling fans yet! All I need now is for Vince to sign Bill Goldberg in time for Wrestlemania and I will truly be in heaven!

GEEK's Random Quote of the Week:
"Moral of the story is...Don't be a dick, Dick!"
- Xander Cage, xXx



★ Unapologetic self-promotion: my roommate and I have a radio show now. It's on Saturdays, 10 p.m. to 12 a.m. So you should listen to all the stupid songs we play and to all the times we mess up. Woo.

★ So, hey, am I the only to notice that class sizes are way bigger than they used to be? I mean, I remember when I first came to school, I was told that my general ed. classes would be pretty big, but when I started getting into the classes for my major, then the class size would decrease so there would be a more intense focus. So, why do I keep wondering if I'm going to have to sit out in the hall during my English classes? It wouldn't have anything to do with the fact that there are only around five upper class English classes being offered, would it?

★ I started reading this book in the library the other day called, "Voices of Revolution: The Dissident Press in America," by Roger Streitmatter and it's really interesting. It talks about the impact of underground newspapers on the American culture and how they often had the ability to change the political climate of their time. I've never been big on politics, but I recommend this book for anyone that is interested in history, politics, and/or revolutionary ideas.

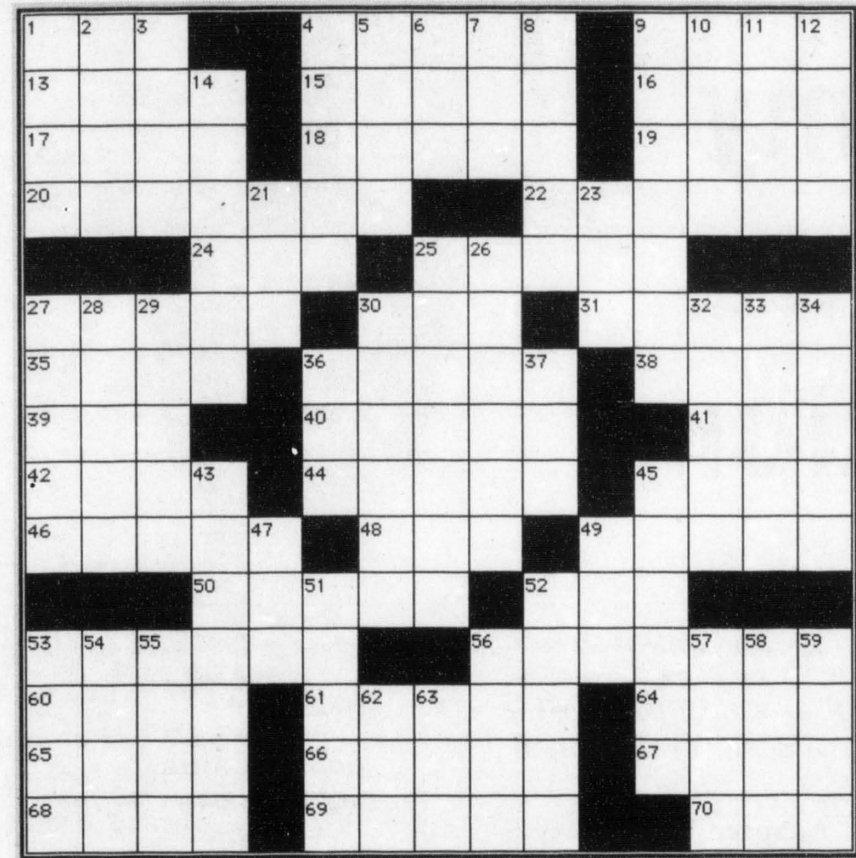
★ Just to let you know, Against Me! rules. So, therefore, you must locate their album Reinventing Axl Rose and rock your boo-tay off. Yes. You must. Don't argue.

★ I really like the band called Burning Brides. Download their song, "Stabbed In the Back of the Heart," if you want to rock and roll. Oh, and for those of you who want to act like you're mad hip or something, Buddyhead put out their album. So don't go too bonkers, bananas, bezerk, whatever, pretending like you are down with Buddyhead and trying to impress all your friends that you know Burning Brides before they did just because I told you.

★ So, I'm going to go see Blue Oyster Cult and Foghat in April. You are jealous and instantly want to mug me for my tickets, even though I don't have them.

★ By the way, you better not go see the new *Incredible Hulk* movie. If you do, I plan on making you sit through every one of Ice-T's movies, including that one where he's a bum that gets paid to get hunted by rich dudes on four wheelers. Half of you that just read that are remembering the time in high school when you stayed up until 3 a.m. watching that on USA because you were an insomniac. Yeah, you know what I'm talking about.

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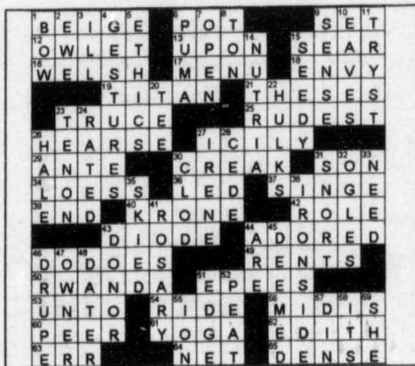
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- 53 Consumer
- 54 Collect fallen leaves
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- 57 Necessity
- 58 Carry
- 59 Once more
- 62 Unused
- 63 Golf club employee

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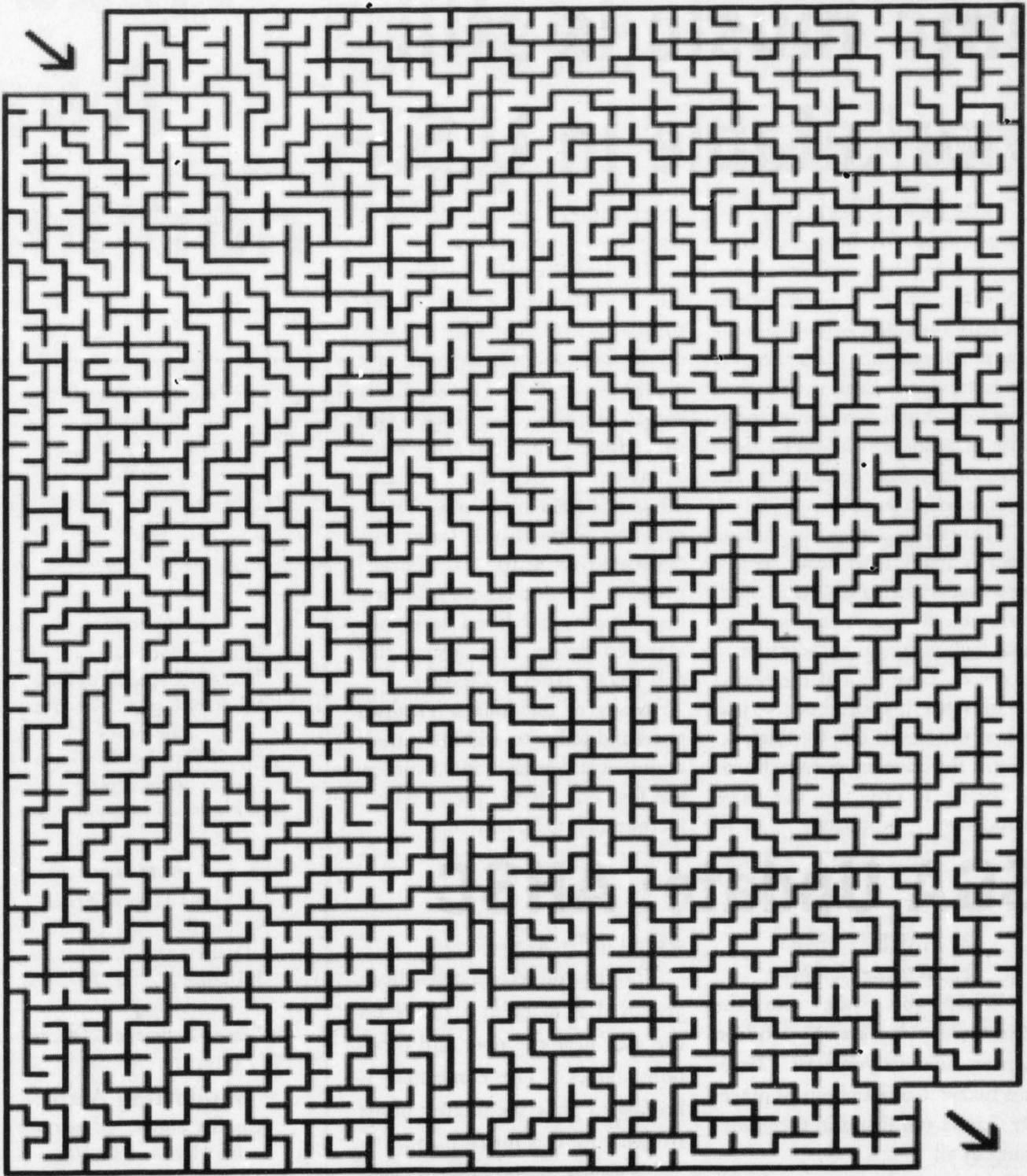
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 - 2 Help
 - 3 School book
 - 4 Drunk
 - 5 Not busy
 - 6 Tetly product
 - 7 Young man
 - 8 Chose by ballot
 - 9 Illegal muscle builder
 - 10 Chip brand
 - 11 Springy sword
 - 12 Direction from NY to CA

GET LOST!

By Stephen
Janoski



RESIDENCE LIFE MOVIES

Channel 10

Scheduled movies for Feb. 2003

	5:00 p.m.	7:30 p.m.	10:00 p.m.	12:30 p.m.
Thurs. 2/13	Jesus Christ...	Empires of India	Showtime	Crazy/Beautiful
Fri. 2/14	Empires of India	Showtime	Crazy/Beautiful	Sweetest Thing
Sat. 2/15	Showtime	Crazy/Beautiful	Sweetest Thing	Empires of India
Sun. 2/16	Crazy/Beautiful	Sweetest Thing	Empires of India	Showtime
Thurs. 2/20	XXX	Serendipity	Ocean's 11	Meet The Parents
Fri. 2/21	Serendipity	Ocean's 11	Parents	XXX
Sat. 2/22	Ocean's 11	Parents	XXX	Serendipity
Sun. 2/23	Parents	XXX	Serendipity	Ocean's 11

Labels wonder if emo music is still marketable in U.S.

By JAMES TAYLOR

Daily Texan (U. Texas-Austin)

Last year, big time record companies tuned in to a music scene that had been brewing outside of their corporate radars for the past five years or so. Emo music, that genre of highly melodic songs about girls and loneliness, suddenly became a hot commodity for major labels to swallow up.

That said, "Love," the Juliana Theory's major label debut, is this year's first chance to see if emo is still marketable to a mass audience. For those looking for an introduction to the genre, "Love" is a prime example of what it's all about -- just look at the album title for starters.

From the opening power chords of "Bring it Low" to the slow, brooding balladry of

"Everything," Love rocks, and it really is as simple as that.

Vocalist Brett Detar's heart-felt crooning carry most of the songs on the record, as the rest of the band seems to rock out aimlessly behind him. Each song on the disc lacks the incredible dynamics that were a feature of the Juliana Theory's previous three releases, and old-school fans will notice how "Into The Dark," previously released on Juliana's last album, has been seriously watered-down and given the full major label makeover.

Many of the Juliana Theory's peers and followers will make their major label debuts in 2003. But as the first one off the press, "Love" leaves much to be desired.

SGA Update: AHSC

By MARIA TREGO

Special to the Flashlight

When you walk into the Mansfield University Student Center, how do you feel? Warm and fuzzy? Cold and out of place? Or maybe you just don't feel anything at all.

"I think there is an overwhelming feeling among the students that the 'student union' does not have much to offer Mansfield University students," Jeff Howe, Student Government Association Vice-President and chairman of the SGA Student Center Improvement Committee, said.

Currently, student government is working with Tom Johnston to improve the atmosphere within the student center so that students feel more welcome while they are there. The goal of the committee is to draw more students into the building through

several different projects.

The first project that has been approved is to paint a mural on the wall near the pool and ping-pong tables. The committee is hoping to draw the interest of art students for this initial plan.

There are several other projects that are being considered for the student center at this time. Please drop your suggestions for improving the student center in the SGA comment boxes located in lower Manser or the student center, or by contacting SGA at extension 4984.

"I think the university could do a whole lot more with the building then it does now," Brian Ulmer, Junior Spanish/History Secondary Education major, said.

If you feel that there is room for improvement in the student center, contact SGA and voice your opinion.

Student Government Association

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Academy Award nominations



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Best Picture:

Chicago
Gangs of New York
The Hours
The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers
The Pianist

Actor:

Adrien Brody, *The Pianist*
Nicolas Cage, *Adaptation*
Michael Caine, *The Quiet American*
Daniel Day-Lewis, *Gangs of New York*
Jack Nicholson, *About Schmidt*

Actress:

Salma Hayek, *Frida*
Nicole Kidman, *The Hours*
Diane Lane, *Unfaithful*
Julianne Moore, *Far from Heaven*
Renee Zellweger, *Chicago*

Supporting Actor:

Chris Cooper, *Adaptation*
Ed Harris, *The Hours*
Paul Newman, *Road to Perdition*
John C. Reilly, *Chicago*
Christopher Walken, *Catch Me If You Can*

Supporting Actress:

Kathy Bates, *About Schmidt*
Julianne Moore, *The Hours*
Queen Latifah, *Chicago*
Meryl Streep, *Adaptation*
Catherine Zeta-Jones, *Chicago*

Director:

Rob Marshall, *Chicago*
Martin Scorsese, *Gangs of New York*
Stephen Daldry, *The Hours*
Roman Polanski, *The Pianist*
Pedro Almodovar, *Talk to Her*

Foreign Film:

El Crimen del Padre Amaro, Mexico
Hero, People's Republic of China

The Man Without a Past, Finland

Nowhere in Africa, Germany
Zus & Zo, The Netherlands.

Adapted Screenplay:

Peter Hedges and Chris Weitz and Paul Weitz, *About a Boy*
Charlie Kaufman and Donald Kaufman, *Adaptation*
Bill Condon, *Chicago*
David Hare, *The Hours*
Ronald Harwood, *The Pianist*

Original Screenplay:

Todd Haynes, *Far From Heaven*
Jay Cocks and Steve Zaillian and Kenneth Lonergan, *Gangs of New York*
Nia Vardalos, *My Big Fat Greek Wedding*
Pedro Almodovar, *Talk to Her*
Carlos Cuaron and Alfonso Cuaron, *Y Tu Mama Tambien*

Animated feature film:

Ice Age
Lilo & Stitch
Spirit: Stallion of the Cimarron
Spirited Away
Treasure Planet

Art Direction:

Chicago
Frida
Gangs of New York
The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers
Road to Perdition

Cinematography:

Chicago
Far From Heaven
Gangs of New York
The Pianist
Road to Perdition

Sound:

Chicago
Gangs of New York
The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers

Road to Perdition

Spider-Man

Sound Editing:

The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers
Minority Report
Road to Perdition

Original Score:

Catch Me If You Can, John Williams
Far From Heaven, Elmer Bernstein
Frida, Elliot Goldenthal
The Hours, Philip Glass
Road to Perdition, Thomas Newman.

Original Song:

"Burn It Blue" from *Frida*, Elliot Goldenthal and Julie Taymor
"Father and Daughter" from *The Wild Thornberrys Movie*, Paul Simon
"The Hands That Built America" from *Gangs of New York*, Bono, The Edge, Adam Clayton and Larry Mullen
"I Move On" from *Chicago*, John Kander and Fred Ebb
"Lose Yourself" from *8 Mile*, Eminem, Jeff Bass and Luis Resto

Costume:

Chicago
Frida
Gangs of New York
The Hours
The Pianist

Film Editing:

Chicago
Gangs of New York
The Hours
The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers
The Pianist

OPINION & EDITORIAL

From the Editor's Desk: *Valentine's Every Day*

By DYLAN BRUCIE
Flashlight Editor-in-Chief

Valentine's Day is coming up Friday. As if love should only be celebrated and cherished one day out of the year. In the past years, I've always had pretty much the same thing to say about the Valentine's Day- it's a pointless holiday created by card, candy and flower companies to capitalize on everyone's sentimental side. You know, I actually have to hand it to them- they're actually geniuses for thinking of it.

I have to admit though, I'm looking forward to the holiday this year. Maybe we should just get into a mindset where we consider every day Valentine's Day. It wouldn't mean that you have to buy flowers and candy and cards or whatever else everyday, it would just mean that you spend as much time as you possibly can with your special person. That kind of mindset would help keep romance in the relationship that you have, and if you had a crush on someone, you could send a secret valentine's card everyday. Oh man, it's too perfect.

Also, if every day was Valentine's Day, maybe the people of this and other countries would be in better moods and we wouldn't have to worry about war and terrorism all the time because people would be too preoccupied with their significant other. I can see it now.... "Well, I know we were talking about

starting a war today... but Laura and I are going out to dinner tonight and I just don't think that it will help the mood if we have to upgrade to DEFCON 1 in the middle of my spaghetti. That would frustrate me." Or, "Would you fine weapons inspectors like to invite your spouses over for some chocolate covered strawberries or grapes? It's way too hot out to be investigating on Valentine's Day."

Better yet, Bush and Hussein need to have a Valentine's Day together and work out their differences in a nice relaxed setting. They could stroll through a park eating ice cream and laughing. Perhaps they could settle things with a good snowball fight and then shake hands and leave as friends. Isn't that a much better idea than a full scale war with chemicals and bombs and guns? Okay, maybe that's a really stupid idea (and strange), but hey, a guy can dream.

Have something to say? Want to respond to an editorial? Write in!

Email the Editor-in-Chief:
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Letter to the editor: *Left side vs. Right side*

Editor:

I am writing in regards to Dylan Brucie's article last week (1/29) which was about the current situation in Iraq. This article was full of misleading, misinformed, and outlandish opinions, most of which simply regurgitate left-wing views aimed at tarnishing President Bush and his administration. Due to the fact that there are other people who are as confused as Mr. Brucie, I think it's about time we get the facts straight and review a few of these points which some foolishly believe.

The article starts off by saying that the weapons inspectors report is in and Iraq is not being cooperative. Brucie then makes the remark that this is what President Bush wants and has been hoping for. Regardless of what President Bush wants or hopes for, it is Iraq who has not been cooperating; so why make excuses for them? The article then goes on to infer that President Bush is pushing for war to pad his campaign for reelection. This couldn't be further from the truth. With his high approval rating, the fact that the election is two years away, and the Democratic party being in shambles, not even

having a true candidate to run for the Democratic nominee, it seems absurd to imply that Bush is promoting a war to help his reelection chances.

The article then says that other countries are justified in calling the United States imperialist bullies because we act like it. However, if you look at some of the countries that make such comments, you'll find they have their own hidden agendas in playing the name game. For example, Russia and France gave stated their opposition to war with Iraq only because they have economic ties with Iraq. But as the Gulf War has shown, such countries that opposed us, like France did, changed their stance when it was certain we were going in. As we get closer to this war France and Russia are slowly changing their stances because they are afraid of being left out of the deals, which will be made after the war. It's a political name game where views and attitudes change as soon as something is to be gained or lost. This is why America has to do what is right for its own people and not worry so much as to what other countries say.

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RIGHT WING (cont.)

The next inaccurate notion in the editor-in-chief's article is the statement referring to the U.S. wanting to eliminate Iraq's weapons of mass destruction. It says, "So basically, we're the most powerful country in the world and we want to keep it that way." First of all, why on God's green earth would we want Iraq to have weapons of mass destruction? Secondly, having such weapons would not make Iraq as powerful as us; it would just make them dangerous. When Iraq did acquire such weapons they used them, like scud missiles being fired into Israel and biological weapons being used on Iraqi people. The next incorrect statement made in Brucie's article is that all America is interested in is Iraq's oil. Though in reality, if that were all we were concerned about we would ask the U.N. to lift sanctions against Iraq, which would free up their oil production. In addition, if we do invade Iraq it's almost certain that Saddam will do everything in his powers to destroy his oil fields as he did in the Gulf War.

In conclusion, people who share the same views as Dylan Brucie need to realize that there is a price to pay for being a free country such as America. Situations, such as with Iraq, cannot always be handled diplomatically. We tried it through sanctions and weapons inspectors with dismal results. I hope these people will realize what is the right thing to do and support our country. And to answer Dylan Brucie's final question in his article, "Why did the U.S. stop its isolation policy all those years ago?" It simply didn't work. The new policy is called engagement!

-Marty Rakaczewski

I don't often respond to letters to the editor, but this is a very important issue right now and I feel my side (us "left-wingers") needs to be defended. First off, it was never my intention to make excuses for Iraq. They should be dealt with, but I still don't think war is the answer.

As for Bush not needing war to help his efforts for re-election, let me be the first to share something with you- our country is not exactly in the best shape it's ever been. Economy is lower than it's been in years; unemployment is up; more civil rights and freedoms are being taken away every day. Our own country is deteriorating as we worry about affairs in a country half a world away. And why do you think Bush's approval is so high? It's because of the war effort! If it were based on the state of our country alone, his approval would be squat.

Next is the name game argument. I'll be the first to admit that other countries have agendas of their own. That doesn't mean that what they're saying about us is false though. Even if France does have ties with Iraq, at least they're in the stance that war should be the last option. The United States is so gung ho about jumping into this war headfirst, and for what? To stop terrorism? Going to war with Iraq will not end terrorism. In fact, going to war with Iraq will probably incite more terrorism in this country. There is one sad truth that I've come to accept and I hope all of you will too: terrorism will unfortunately never die. There will always be some neurotic person that feels the world has wronged them and seek revenge. The world is imperfect and we have to deal with it. Bombing Iraq and killing innocents along the way will not solve our problem, it will probably only serve to fan the fire. Also consider the fact that if we lead an army into Iraq, it will be the first time in American history since the revolution that we have started a war with another country. We've marched to the aide of many people, but we've never fired the first bullet. Are we really willing to do that? Marty, you end that paragraph by saying, "America has to do what is right for its own people and not worry so much as to what other countries say." Maybe what's best for our people is to work towards peace rather than starting a war.

The next criticism cited (which is not inaccurate) is my statement about how America is the most powerful country and we want to keep it that way. Then I said we were hypocritical about power. Well, I still think we are. When I wrote that, I wasn't trying to say that Iraq should have weapons of mass destruction, I was trying to say that if we don't want other countries to have them, we should get rid of our own. I know that notion is completely insane to some people, and I know it's overly utopian and will never happen, but hey, it would be nice. The point is, no one should have weapons of mass destruction. Not even the world police, as we've come to be known, because we shouldn't have that role in the first place. Oh, and the part about oil having nothing to do with us going to war in Iraq, that was a good one. It's been a while since I've had a good laugh.

In conclusion, I think if we try hard enough, there can always be a diplomatic solution. I hope people realize that war doesn't have to be the answer to every problem we have with a country that does something we don't like. And to answer my own final question from my previous editorial asking why we stopped being isolationists, I still don't know. It did work and our only worries were our own.

I am not misleading, misinformed or outlandish Mr. Rakaczewski, I simply have a different take on things than you do. I respect your opinion, even if you do not respect mine. Neither of us are wrong, but hopefully we'll see a more peaceful future to argue in.

Politics and Opinion: Casualties of war in the real world

By CHRIS SHADLE

Flashlight Writer

War is all hell. Unfortunately for us, sometimes war is a necessary evil that must be undertaken to achieve a higher goal. Examples include: war to stop the annihilation of an oppressed group, such as was the case in the mid-1990s in the Balkans to stop Slobodan Milosevic from slaughtering thousands of ethnic minorities. In WWII, the allied powers fought to stop the potential domination of the world by the racist and oppressive Nazi regime led by Adolf Hitler. These are just a couple cases in which war was undertaken as a necessary evil. With all the advances in medicine, technology and science, the horrors of war have not changed. In fact it has only become more cruel and nasty.

The 20th century was the bloodiest of all times in human history. So we must ask ourselves- what have we gained with all this bloodshed? Have the pros outweighed the cons? Only history can truly judge whether or not war is in fact "worth it." Now let me state I am not against war in general. I served almost four years in the United States Marine Corps, and I believe that sometimes we need to step in when things get out of control. However, I think that too often we neglect to take our past experiences into consideration when deciding whether or not war is just, and should therefore be undertaken.

I do not agree with the war in Iraq, but if in fact we engage in a war there I would encourage all of you to support our troops. The true losers in a war are not the politicians who start them, but rather the innocents, and no matter how many precautions we take to make war quick and painless, there are always casualties. Someone once said, "The only people benefited by war are the dead, because the dead no longer know war." This is a good statement proving that war (no matter what the outcome or goal) is always detrimental to the most important aspect of all human needs...life.

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Twenty years of kids and fun

By AMY KENDIG
Flashlight Sports Writer

Giggling, cheering, yelling, running, and jumping on the gymnasium floor are all sounds you can expect to hear from the large amount of kids who come out for the Kids Night Out program sponsored by the Mansfield University baseball team.

"The number of kids who come out varies because it depends on the weather and how much the kids can get out," said Coach Harry Hillson.

Instead of offering just one activity, the baseball team offers various activities such as ping-pong, volleyball, basketball, touch football, and swimming in which the kids can participate.

"It is good that there are a lot of activities so they do not get bored and keep coming back," said Matt Allegretto.

Since Athletic Director Roger Maisner started Kids Night Out, the twenty-year program has grown and become a great success, with the continuous efforts from Hillson.

The program is excellent for the Mansfield University baseball team, as well as the Mansfield community.

"A few kids came out when the program first started, but it grew and became apart of the community," said Hillson.

The team receives a lot of positive feedback from the community, as well as the university. Parents, who have children that go to Kids Night Out, are really excited about the program.

Kids Night Out is a great way to get the kids out of their houses and meet the baseball players, which is also good

"Anything that we do is community service related. The purpose is to give back to the community and not just to help us, but to help others."

-Coach Harry Hillson

exposure for the team.

The team does a lot of fundraising in order to pay for their trip to Florida. Among other forms of fundraising such as raffles, baseball clinics, and summer camps, Kids Night Out is one of the largest events.

"Anything that we do is community service related," said Hillson. "The purpose is to give back to the community and not just to help us, but to help somebody else."

On average, approximately 80 to 175 kids attend Kids Night Out.

"This is my second year helping out, and I like it because it gets kids out of the house, away from the violence that they see on television," said Matt Baker.

In interviews with some of the kids who participated in the program they were, for one, excited about being interviewed, and second, ecstatic that there was something for them to do such as Kids Night Out.

"I think it's cool, and there is a lot to do," said 11-year

old Morgan Cunningham.

As well as having something to do outside the house, the overall response from the kids was that it "keeps them out of trouble."

"I like all of the games and music and it is fun," said Krystal Sargeant, 12, and Jordan Mortimer, 10.

The players mainly supervise the activities held, but on occasion if the kids want the players to play with them they will. It is up to the kids what they want to do because it is their night to have fun and let loose. Kids Night Out seems as if it will be around for a very long time and will keep continuously supplying the kids in the Mansfield community with laughter and a place to hang out.

"As long as the kids are enjoying themselves, then we should keep on having it because that is what it's for," said Allegretto.

"I think it's great that Coach Hillson is doing this to get the kids out," said Baker.

On occasion the team does receive assistance from sororities such as ASA and ZTA, which is greatly appreciated by Hillson and the team.

The program is from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. in Decker Gymnasium every other Saturday night. There is a cost to participating in Kids Night Out. The cost is \$6.00 per kid, but \$5.00 per kid if there is more than one in the family.

It is truly a night composed of fun filled activities for the kids of the Mansfield Community.

Summer Jobs Available

The Upward Bound Program at Saint Francis University, Loretto, Pa is seeking qualified male and female applicants to fill tutor counselor positions for a six week residential summer program for 60 high school students. Job responsibilities include tutoring, counseling, and supervising high school students in the residence halls, as well as conducting recreational activities. A \$2,000 salary in addition to room and board as provided; this position may also serve as an internship. Candidates should be current college students or recent college graduates who have shown a commitment to higher education and are sensitive to the needs of teenagers. Minimum Q.P.A. of 3.0. Experience working with adolescents desired.

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Women defeat Warriors but drop to PSAC East leading Marauders

By GREGORY PELLEGRINO
Flashlight Sports Co-Editor

The sense of March is setting in as the Mansfield University women's basketball team reached the mid-point of the 2002/03 PSAC schedule of the season this past week.

The Mounties traveled to East Stroudsburg on Feb. 5 to take on the Warriors.

From the very start the Mounties looked in control jumping out on a 12-2 in the first seven minutes of the game. That momentum continued throughout the first half as Mansfield compiled a 34-22 lead going into half-time.

The Mounties would increase the lead in the second half going on a 9-4 run to start the half. Junior Jessica Pfeiffer led Mansfield in scoring with 18 points as freshman Danna Purnell

added 10 points coming off the bench in the Mounties 67-58 win over the Warriors.

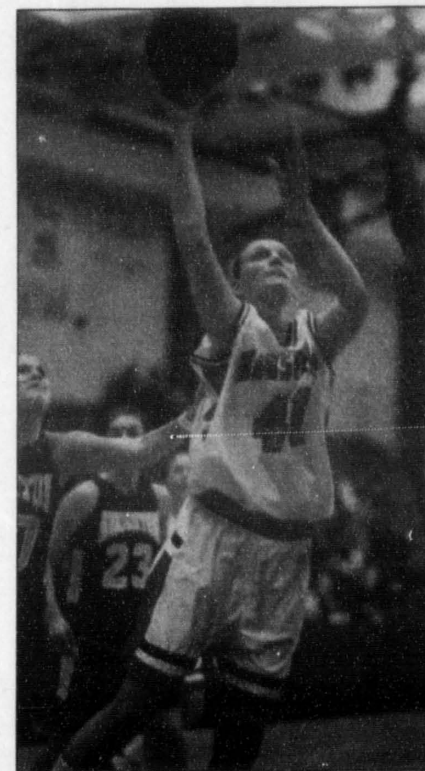
Junior Rachel Rieder had a game high of 13 rebounds along with six blocked shots.

With the win the Mounties improved to 8-12 overall and concluded the first half of the PSAC season one game behind the Golden Bears of Kutztown for the final play-off spot in the PSAC playoffs.

Mansfield continued their road trip this past Saturday when they traveled south to take on the Marauders of Millersville.

Both Millersville and Mansfield battled back and forth throughout the first half as the Mounties held a slight 26-23 advantage with under four minutes to play in the first half.

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Sports Information
Rachel Rieder had 13 rebounds along with six block shots in the Mounties 67-58 win over ESU.

Mansfield shows off their 'Red and Black'

By JENNIFER A. NELSON

Flashlight Sports Co-Editor

Aaron Fracconi and Josh Wooten helped Mansfield rewrite the school record books on Feb. 8.

The Orange and Maroon Invitational at Susquehanna University was the site of yet another strong performance for the men's indoor track team.

Fracconi tossed a 47-05.00 in the weight throw that erased the recent school record set by teammate Nat Reider. Reider's mark

was 41-04.50 in the event, putting him in the eight spot for the Mounties.

Wooten ran the 1500 meters in 4:08.91 placing him in second for that event. Four seconds was the difference between second and first place. However, Wooten still managed to replace the school record set by Mansfield's Todd Stewart in 1998.

The Mountie men also received top 10 finishes in the 5000 meters, 3000 meters, and the pole vault.

Jeremy Bochart ran a 16:13.35 in the 5000 meter run which placed him in eighth place while Rich Correll finished at 9:37.11 in seventh. Dennis Folk vaulted to 12-0, landing him in ninth place.

Assistant coach Michelle Rohl ran the 5000 meter women's event with a time of 18:23.82 giving her the first place win. Kathy Schoch jumped 15-09.5 in the long jump competition giving her a seventh place position for the Mountaineers.

West All-Stars capture win against Jordan and the East

By MIKE PETERS

Flashlight Sports Writer

In a night dedicated to Michael Jordan, Kevin Garnett and Kobe Bryant led the West All-Stars past the East All-Stars, 155-145 in a double overtime victory in the 52nd annual NBA All-Star game on Feb. 9.

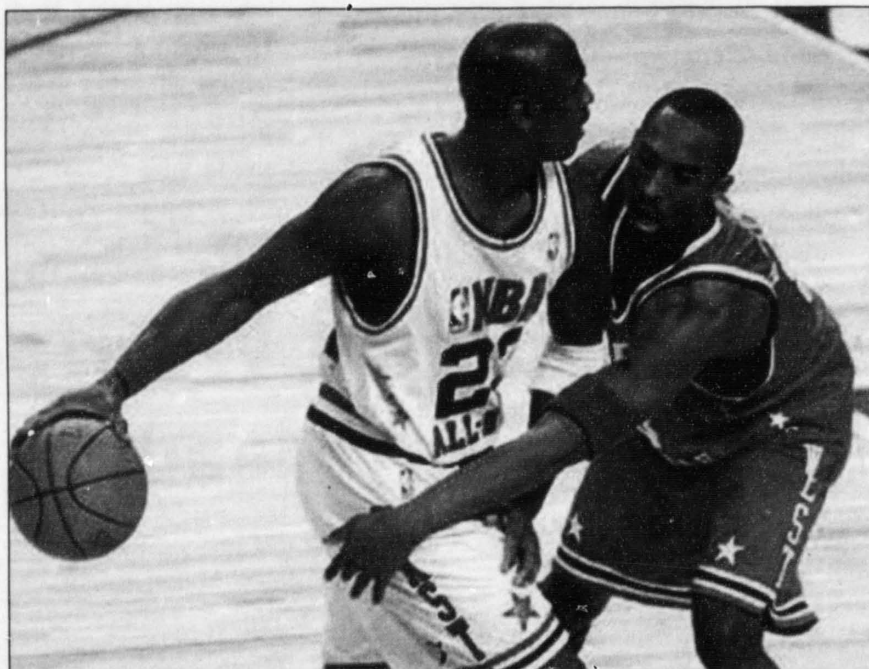
Garnett of the Minnesota Timberwolves was awarded the game's Most Valuable Player Award.

During the player introductions, the public address announcer at Philips Arena in Atlanta announced that Michael Jordan would start in Toronto Raptor guard Vince Carter's spot.

"My decision was to start," Carter said. "After a while I sat back and thought about it and said, 'Hey, this is his last one, he is the greatest player, and I'm going to get this opportunity to come out here and play again.'"

Jordan surpassed legendary center Kareem Abdul-Jabbar on the total points list. Jordan finished the game with a total of 262 career All-Star points, surpassing Abdul-Jabbar by 11.

Allen Iverson led the Eastern All-Stars in scoring with 35 points and seven assists, and McGrady added 29 points in a losing effort. Iverson's erratic ball-handling led to six turnovers, which didn't help his team.



Yahoo Sports

Michael Jordan passed on the torch to the league's youngest and newest NBA stars. Kobe Bryant (right) tries to guard Jordan in Sunday's all-Star game.

After missing the potential winning shot at the end of regulation, Jordan made a high-arching 15-footer with 4.8 seconds left in overtime to give the East a two-point lead. It seemed to be over, and what a way to end, that is if it were over.

Kobe Bryant was fouled on a last second three-point attempt by Indiana Pacer forward Jermaine O'Neal. After making the first free throw, Bryant missed the second and put the pressure on his shoulders. He

rose to the occasion and sunk the third free throw to tie the game at 138 and extend the game once again into its second overtime.

The second and final overtime was controlled by the game's MVP, Kevin Garnett and his Western teammates. Garnett opened the five minute tie-breaker with seven of his 37 points. Garnett added another bucket as the West All-Stars trampled over the East All-Stars 17-7 in the final frame as Jordan watched from the bench.

Women (cont.)

Despite the slight advantage, Millersville went on a 14-2 run to end the half to take a 37-28 half-time lead.

The Mounties kept the game close, only trailing 49-41, but were unable to catch the Marauders. Senior Lynelle Mosley recorded a team high 15 points along with seven rebounds and and five assists in the Mounties 76-61 loss to Millersville.

Senior Allyson Buss and Rieder each scored 13 points as Rieder added seven rebounds and three blocked shots. With the 13 points Buss became the fifth player in Mansfield history to surpass the 1,100-point mark as she now has a career total of 1,104.

The Mounties fall to 8-13 overall and take a step backwards in the PSAC play-off race as they slide to 2-5. The Mounties will

play host to the Golden Bears of Kutztown in a key PSAC East matchup, 6 p.m. tonight at Decker Gym. Tonight's game is a "huge" for the Mounties.

"We still have the possibility to make the play-offs," coach Ruth Henderson said. "[Tonight's] game against Kutztown is probably the biggest game all year."

The Mounties had a stretch of good fortune winning three of their last five games. Spirits are high as the team prepares for tonight's big game.

"We definitely need [this game]," junior Nadia Gauronsky said. "A game we played earlier in the season we played down there and lost when we should have beat them. We need to knock them off to make the playoffs."

The Mounties fell to the Golden Bears on Jan. 15 68-59 at Keystone Hall.

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Flashlight Sports Feature:

Paul Culbertson and the MAL

By JENNIFER A. NELSON

Flashlight Sports Co-Editor

"Where legends are made and champions are born." Such a strong motto. Then again, so are the friendships and team behind it.

The Mansfield Arena League has become quite the hype over the past few weeks on campus. When we started this semester, I touched briefly on this league and what it was about. I decided to go more in-depth and help the MAL get the recognition they deserve.

I recently spoke with senior Paul Culbertson up close and personal about his life at Mansfield and of course, the MAL.

JAN: Did you ever think of playing collegiate sports?

PC: I always wanted to play sports in college, but I knew the schedule would be extremely tough. I played a little basketball

and track when I was in high school - great times, but I think it was mainly a time/scheduling thing. I enjoy playing on my own time at the rec.

JAN: What do you plan on doing when you graduate?

PC: Well, I graduate in May; I hope that within a couple months after I do, I would be living in New York City with a few friends

trying to land a job somewhere in my field of Broadcasting.

JAN: Do you ever wish that a league similar to yours would start up at other colleges?

PC: Yes and no I, suppose. I'm glad we were able to start this up and in a sense be the "trend setters" almost. Our idea kind of spawned off of a league similar to ours that's played in Mount Carmel, Pa.

Their rules are different than



Jake Burke

"Where Legends are made and Champions are born"

what we do - they play to keep score, we mainly play for fun. Now, I also say yes because it's such a fun time, and I think people would really enjoy playing something like this. I'm sure some peo-

ple have their own ideas of football like this, which is awesome, but the coolest part is, MAL is one of a kind and no one can take that from our guys.

Paul also mentioned that the MAL has a 20 man roster that "all have different talents and playing styles which makes it so much fun."

Three soccer moms also help the boys out every weekend.

"The soccer moms are the best. They are three awesome girls who come out each week to watch us play and support us no matter the weather or situation," Culbertson said.

From the interview, I learned that playing games and sharing laughs isn't the only part of the MAL.

"The best part though I think about our guys and girls though is not what we do when we play on the field but off the field."

Paul decided to take the MAL to the next level, a community level. This semester he started a program with the help of the Communications Department and several of his teammates to work with the Mansfield Community. The program is "like a homework club." Paul and other MAL stars go to the elementary school three days a week and help the children study.

"I think that tells most people exactly what the MAL is," Culbertson said. "We enjoy playing football but we love to help out in any way possible for this campus and the community of Mansfield."

You can catch the MAL at the Fitness Center for the next few weeks. Game time is set for 7 p.m. I suggest you check out their website: www.mansfieldarena.com. Maybe you will be the next "legend or champion."

MAL 'fires up' campus

By JAKE BURKE

Flashlight Writer

The football season is still in action as the boys of the Mansfield Arena League hit the gridiron every Saturday night.

The Mansfield Arena League, or MAL as it is commonly referred, started out in the fall semester of 2001 with Matt Godshall finding the Belknap parking lot to play in. The parking lot is now called MJG Coliseum and is the home to the MAL boys.

With the spring 2003 season underway, there has been much action over at the coliseum. Just last week the MAL witnessed its first major injury with freshman player Justin Johnson dislocating and fracturing his ankle while he ran into a snow bank.

The boys have now moved their games indoors to the Kelchner Fitness Center for a three-week series that has yet to be named. The first game of the series took place on Saturday night with a four-on-

four contest that was full of high scoring and superb offensive and defensive action. Jason McCaffery won the honor of the Offensive Game Ball and freshman Will Gleockler received Defensive Game Ball awards.

"Each week, the game ball award is an opportunity for two players, offensively and defensively, to be recognized for having outstanding performances," said Matt Godshall. "The recipients are decided by a majority vote by the rest of the players. It gives us something to compete for individually and on a more friendly basis than if we were keeping score during the game."

The MAL has been a great time for the guys involved in playing. They boast great friendship, exciting competition and a game of football that does not matter the score.

Mike Peters, a sophomore member of the MAL, finds the league as a stress reliever from work and classes. "It's a great way to blow off

the steam of the past school week; we can just hang out with the guys and play until we collapse," said Peters.

"Well, I think it has been a wild ride, I've been blessed with amazing friends to be able to go out and play football and do anything with them really," said Paul Culbertson, a senior member and one of the founders of the MAL. "Everyone plays hard, and you really couldn't ask for anything better from a bunch of people who form one unique and exciting bond," said Culbertson.

John Stanek, a junior member, had nothing but positive comments about the league. "I think it's great," said Stanek. "It gives us a chance to hang out together, play some football, talk some trash, and have a good time."

The MAL is now in its fifth semester here at Mansfield and the tradition continues each week as the guys come out every Saturday to MJG Coliseum.

Houck and Popovic swim all the way to West Chester

By CHAD LANDERS

Flashlight Sports Writer

Mansfield University's women's swimming team ended their season Saturday, February 8, 2003 at the East Stroudsburg Invitational.

The Mountie women traveled to East Stroudsburg University for the second straight week for the Invitational.

The Mounties lost 149-92 last week to East Stroudsburg, which brought their overall record to 3-7 for the season. At the ESU Invitational, two of the Mountie women stood out. Co-captain, Katie Houck and freshman sensation, Andrea Popovic have already qualified for PSAC Championships in two weeks.

Houck and Popovic will make the trip to West Chester with Coach Danita Fox to represent Mansfield University at the PSAC Swimming Championships.

"I'm very proud of both Katie and Andrea," Fox said. "I was hoping for others to join them, but we're young."

This past Saturday, both Houck

and Popovic swam well enough to qualify PSAC's in the 200 freestyle. Popovic finished third with a 2:03.83 and Houck finished fourth with a 2:04.25.

Houck, coming off an injury last year, and Popovic, a new recruit from Yugoslavia, helped out the Mountie women immensely this year. On a team filled with mostly freshmen and only two juniors, Houck and Popovic were the leaders on the team.

Coach Fox looks for next season to be a vast improvement upon this season, with the freshmen more experienced and the juniors ready to lead the team to more victories.

"I'm very proud of my team this year," Fox said. "They are young, but with experience, we'll get better next year."

Congratulations to the Mansfield University's women's swimming team on a great season. Good luck to both Katie Houck and Andrea Popovic as they swim in PSAC's at West Chester on February 20-22.



Flashlight Sports

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Positive thinking for Mounties

Mounties split beating Warriors but fall to Marauders

By SARAH STOERMER

Flashlight Sports Writer

Ian Connor took charge helping the Mansfield University men's basketball team to defeat East Stroudsburg 65-53 on Feb. 5.

Connor scored a game high of 16 points. The Mountaineers started off trailing East Stroudsburg 11-7 with only 12:44 remaining in the first half.

Refusing to lose, Mansfield went on a 17-2 run. The Mountaineers took a 24-13 lead with 5:49 minutes before half time, from a free throw from Ian Connor. Grabbing 14 first half points, Connor gave the Mountaineers a 30-21 lead as the teams left the floor during half time.

East Stroudsburg fought back hard, closing the gap to four points with less than five minutes remaining on the clock.

Feeling the heat, Kris Gibbs-Smith picked up the pace for Mansfield. Gibbs-Smith scored nine points during the final five minutes of the game.

Jason Roscoe, also played a good game for the Mountaineers scoring a hefty 10 points.

The Mountaineers improve 14-7 overall and close the first half of the PSAC East schedule with a 3-3 mark.

On Feb. 8, the Mountaineers didn't fare as well. Mansfield went head to head with Millersville. The Mountaineers and the Marauders had each other by the throat throughout the entire contest.

"I see us finishing in first place. We are doing pretty well so far, but there are a lot of things we can improve on, such as shot selection and being patient. But I am happy where we stand in the season right now because we are winning more than last year."

-Bill McNeil

With 6:04 remaining on the clock before halftime, Mansfield trailed 29-19. Fighting back, the Mountaineers were tied 36-36 with 21 seconds remaining as Bill McNeil led the way for the Mounties.

Unfortunately, Mansfield didn't head to the locker rooms in the lead. Millersville hit one of two free throws to put them up 37-36 as both teams cleared the floor.

Both teams remained neck and neck in the second half. The Mountaineers took a 52-50 lead at the 14:12 mark.

Despite the surge of hope, Millersville regained the lead with 77-73 on the board with less than two minutes of play remaining. Mansfield was unable to close the gap.

Millersville scored eight points in the final minutes of play to defeat Mansfield, 90-81.

Despite Mansfield's loss, both teams played a very good game. Millersville shot a hot 61.5 percent from the floor, including 66.7 percent (18-27) in the second half. Mansfield played well connecting 40.9 percent of their shots.

Mountaineer Bill McNeil,

scored a game high of 21 points. Brett Longpre' wasn't far behind adding 19 points for Mansfield. Longpre' impressed spectators and teammates while shooting a perfect 9-9 from the free throw line.

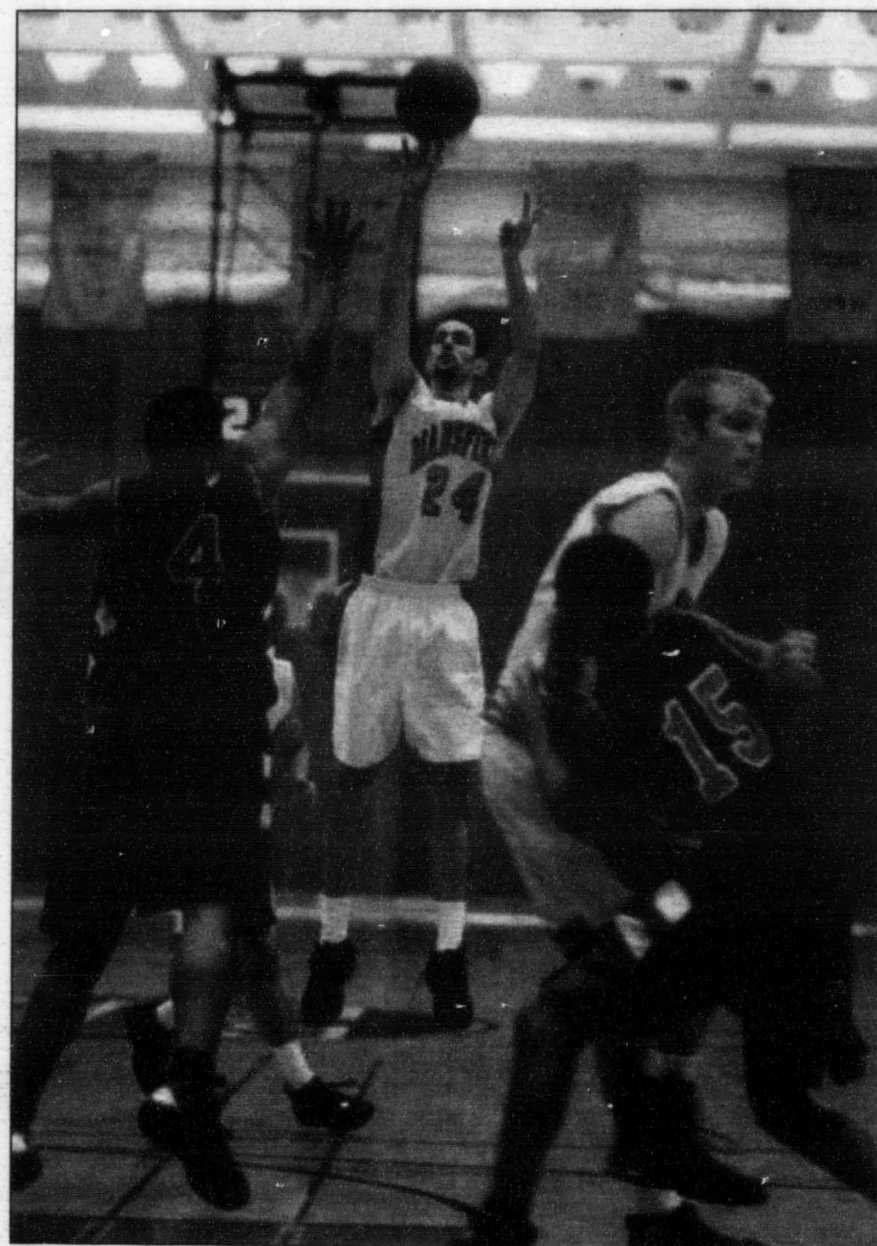
Connor, Brian Bryant, and Gibbs-Smith all dished out nine points for the Mountaineers. Bryant also helped his team by pulling out 10 assists.

Mansfield's loss drags them down 14-8 overall, and with a 3-4 mark in the PSAC East competition, Mansfield remains in fourth place.

This loss hasn't tainted the goals that the Mountaineers have set for themselves.

"I feel pretty good about our players and progress," said head coach Vince Alexander. "We aren't playing perfect basketball, but we are playing well. We are right there. We can certainly finish in the top two. That is our goal, and we aren't going to back down. We were picked fifth but we believe we can do better."

The players are taking part in Alexander's positive attitude. "I see us finishing in first place," said McNeil. "We are doing pretty well so far, but there are a lot of



Sports Information

Brett Longpre' added 19 points in the Mounties loss to Millersville.

things we can improve on, such as shot selection and being patient. But I am happy where we stand in the season right now because we are winning more than last year."

Bryant feels that the team is "doing well."

"It is one of the best, well-balanced teams that Mansfield has

had," Bryant said. "The team gets along on and off the court. The way I feel we could best improve would be to become more aggressive on the court."

Alexander emphasized Bryant's statement: "We are a fairly young team, and I know that we are going to break through when the time is right."



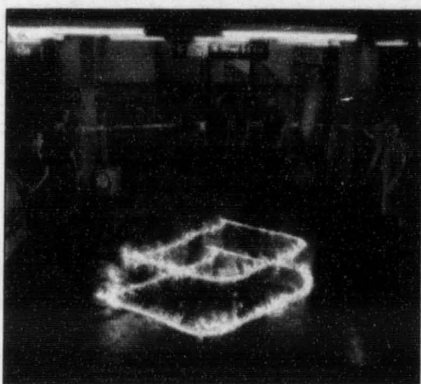
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'Proof' opens tomorrow night

By JACOB BURKE
Flashlight Writer

The Mansfield University Theatre Department will present the Tony Award winning drama *Proof* tomorrow through Sunday.

The production features a cast of four main characters. Sarah Alden, a theatre major, plays Catherine; Jedadiah Linsley, also a theatre major, portrays Robert; Andrew Glover, an anthropology major, plays the part of Hal; and Jennifer Glenn, an education/special education major, is cast as Claire.

The cast has been working in rehearsal for the past four weeks under the direction of Dr. Andrew Longoria of the Communication and Theatre Department.

The play is centered around Catherine, a mathematician, who is living in the shadow of her father, Robert, who was also a mathematician. Catherine is now turning 25, the same age that her

father was when he went crazy. She must find a way to deal with her emotions, as her father has already died. She reconnects with her sister, Claire, and Hal, one of her father's former students.

Longoria felt that the math really doesn't have much to do with the production, but that there is a deeper story behind it.

"The math is intelligent, but really fairly unimportant when it comes down to the core of the play," Longoria said in a press release.

"It is really a relationship play... These are engaging characters caught up in a life and death struggle for love and sanity. What more could you ask for?"

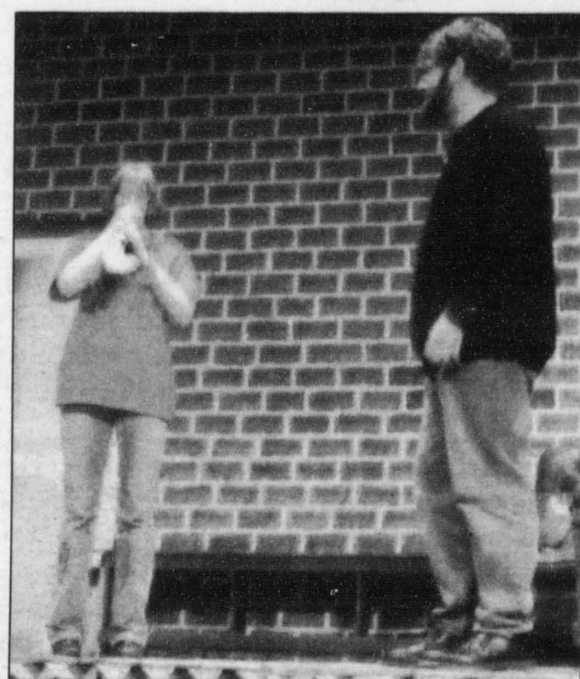
Alan Caum, understudy for the role of Hal, found this production to be rather different than the other he has been in at Mansfield.

"It's been pretty hectic having to design and build the set in such a comparatively short space

of time, but it's the nature of theatre that we seem to work better under pressure," he said.

"This is my first theatre production," Jenn Glenn said. "I feel extremely lucky to be able to work with such a talented cast of actors. The directors, main cast, and understudies have all been supportive and helpful considering I'm so new."

Proof will open on tomorrow at 8 p.m. in Straughn Auditorium. The show will run until Sunday, February 23. The showing on Sunday will be at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$4 for senior citizens and children, and \$2 for MU students with ID.



HOLLY LOEFFLER/THE FLASHLIGHT
Sarah Alden and Jedadiah Linsley rehearse their roles in *Proof*.

For more information about the production, call the Mansfield University Theatre Box Office at (570) 662-4781.

A semester of change for the Giant

By BILL COBLE
Flashlight Writer

The beginning of the spring semester saw the opening of five positions on the Executive Board of the campus radio station, 89.5 WNTE.

Nominations for the positions were held the second week of school for the music director, office manager, and news director. Those three positions each opened up at the beginning of the semester for different reasons.

The Music Director from the fall semester, Jackie Salerno, was appointed to Assistant General Manager when Jenn Eaker stepped down from the position. At the beginning of the spring semester, Paul Culbertson stepped down from his position of News Director, and the position of Office Manager opened up with the untimely passing of Felicia Sanabria over the winter break.

Elections for each of these posi-



tions were held in the third week of the semester. Mike Peters, a sophomore broadcasting/journalism major was elected as the Music Director. Kelly Ann Murray, a freshman Journalism major was elected as the station's News Director. Sophomore public relations major Katey Yenik will take on the role of Office Manager. All three of these new members are in their second semester with WNTE.

At the end of the fall semester, the General Manager, Joe Mazer stepped down from the position, leaving it vacant. Jackie Salerno ran for and was elected to the position of General Manager, leaving the position of Assistant General Manager vacant. Salerno

is in her fifth semester as part of the radio station and is in her third semester on the board. Salerno is a junior Public Relations and Broadcasting major.

The position of Assistant General Manager remained open for three weeks, while Salerno reviewed the candidates for the position of AGM. Three people applied for the position of AGM, and after a week of interviews with each of the candidates, Salerno was able to come to a decision: Brandon Navrocki.

Navrocki is a sophomore broadcasting major in his fourth semester as part of the radio station, and in his second semester on the board.

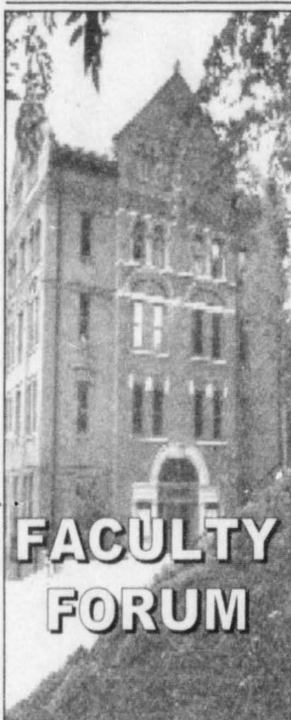
Navrocki anticipates his newfound

responsibility: "It allows you to stretch your creativity and communicate with a large number of people," he said. Navrocki hosts a show with the current Sales Manager, Ryan Yurkiewicz. Yurkiewicz was Navrocki's assistant while he was the Sales Manager and was appointed to the position after Navrocki took over the spot of AGM.

This has been a busy semester for WNTE. With everything that has happened, things are still running smoothly. The new members feel very confident of the station's future.

"I am excited for the future of WNTE," Peters said. "It's still early for us newcomers, but I feel that we have the enthusiasm and potential to take the station further than in previous years."

The new board members have had time to get comfortable in their new positions and are ready to take the station into the future.



Stephen Brown, Psychology, was awarded the National Council on Family Relations 2002 Distinguished Service Award at the organization's fall conference. Brown has been a member of the organization since 1972 and an active member in the organization's affiliate council, Pennsylvania/Delaware Council on Family Relations, for more than 20 years.

Dr. Gale Largey, Sociology, was quoted in an Associated Press story concerning the future of Coudersport, PA regarding the bankruptcy of Adelphia. The story was published in several papers nationwide.

Larry Nesbit, Library, had his essay published in the Harrisburg Patriot-News in February. The essay was entitled: "How do we separate good and bad on the Internet?"

Dr. Scott Thornsley, CJA, was interviewed on WETM-TV regarding a series of reports on the rising number of female prisoners in NY county jails.

Steve McCloskey, Sports Information Director, was named the 2003 recipient of the Irving T. Marsh Award from the Eastern College Athletic Conference-Sports Information Directors Association (ECAC-SIDA). The award will be presented at the ESPN Awards Banquet at the ECAC-SIDA Workshop in Staten Island, NY in June.

Dr. Denise Seigart, Health Sciences, will present her experiences in Russia last semester at the Faculty Lecture Series on February 20 at 3:30 in Alumni Hall room 317. The presentation is entitled: "Letters From Russia". This is sponsored by the Office of the Provost.

Faculty and staff items of interest to the campus community should be sent to scarrish@mnsfld.edu. Items will be limited only by space and clarity.

POLICE BEAT

January 25, 2003 - Amanda Reidy, 20, was cited for underage consumption/possession of alcohol.

February 17, 2003 - Jason Drews, 21, and Robert T. Williams, 19, were charged with use/possession of marijuana.

February 17, 2003 - Linda Harrison, 19, and Ricky Woods, 20, were charged with use/possession of marijuana.

February 18, 2003 - Gina Vinluan, 26, and Eftal Sogukoglu, 26, were charged for use/possession of marijuana.

If you have any information regarding these or other cases, please contact the police at 662-4900 or submit a tip anonymously at http://www.mnsfld.edu/~police/Anonymoust_Tip.htm

Retraction

Last week, *The Flashlight* falsely reported that Michael Kipe was charged with possession of marijuana. It was a mistake on our part and we are sincerely sorry about any trouble it has caused.

Info-to-Go

Campus Bulletin Board

★ Women's Studies, MU Theatre, and The Women's Commission are co-sponsoring a production of Eve Ensler's *The Vagina Monologues* on Feb. 26 and 27. Watch this space for times and locations.

★ GEEK WEEK IS COMING...26 DAYS!!

★ Mansfield University will host the Pennsylvania Intercollegiate Band Festival Feb. 28 through March 2. **Host families are needed** to provide housing and transportation for the more than 120 visiting college and university musicians. Host families would pick up students from Steadman Theatre on the MU campus Friday and Saturday at 9 p.m. and drop students off Saturday and Sunday morning at 8:30 a.m. All host families will receive two complimentary tickets to the concert, which is March 2 at 2 p.m. For more information or to volunteer to be a host family call (570)662-4710.

★ The **Mu Xi Literary Society** is accepting submissions for the Spring 2003 issue of *Edge City*, MU's student literary magazine. Send hard copies of your poetry, short fiction and non-fiction prose to Mu Xi, Box 73, Alumni Hall Student Center, or send electronic copies to Dr. John Ulrich at juirich@mnsfld.edu. Be sure to include your name and contact information with your submission. Deadline for submissions is Feb. 28. *Edge City* is funded by the Student Activities Fees.

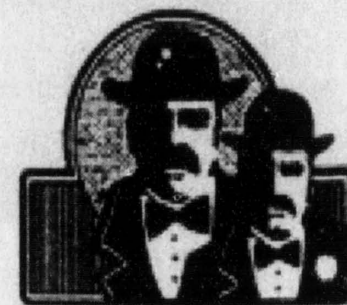
★ The **President's Commission on the Status of Women** urges female students to show their appreciation to a member of the MU community who has succeeded in making a positive difference in their lives, and has contributed to their success at Mansfield. The students are asked to write a letter about how this person has made a difference. An Appreciation Luncheon will be held at the end of March for students and nominees. A form can be obtained by contacting Sheila Kasperek, 217 North Hall, or e-mail skaspere@mnsfld.edu by Friday, February 28.

Announcements for *Info-to-Go* can be e-mailed to flashlit@mnsfld.edu



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PRSSA helps Make-a-Wish

By JONATHAN SCHWAB

Flashlight Writer

The Mansfield University chapter of the Public Relations Student Society of America will be sponsoring a three-on-three basketball tournament in the Kelchner Fitness Center on Sunday from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

All profits from the event will be donated to the Make-A-Wish Foundation, according to Mandy Boandl, Chairperson of the tournament committee.

"We've met with [the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Northeast Pennsylvania] a few times and ... basically, we're just raising this money but we're donating it to them, but it is completely sponsored by the Public Relations Student Society of America," Boandl said.

The tournament will be run using a system of brackets, although whether it will be single or double elimination has yet to be deter-

mined. Teams can be co-ed. The entry fee is \$15 per team and \$30 for entry and the tournament t-shirt. Also, t-shirts will be sold separately for

\$10 and a donation bucket will be out at the game, for people who just want to donate money to the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

"The teams can fund [their tournament entries] themselves or they can fill out a pledge sheet and they can have people pledge a dollar for every basket ... as a way to defer the cost," Boandl said.

Local businesses are helping out with the prizes for the winners. Some of the prizes already confirmed include movie passes and a basketball with the Make-A-Wish logo on it.

In the end, Boandl hopes that



people will participate, not only to have a good time, but also as a gesture of goodwill.

"We're going to have a lot going on there. The radio station will

be broadcasting from the event live, players from the Men's and Women's Basketball teams will be the referees, and if there is enough money, we'll even be having side raffles going on; anything we can do to make money ... every dollar is another dollar that goes towards making a child's wish come true," Boandl said.

For more information about the event, contact Boandl at boandla@mnsfld.edu or call 662-3398. More information can also be gained by going to the tournament website, at <http://mustuweb.mnsfld.edu/prssa/makeawish/index.htm>.

Drop in and get fit!

By SARAH STOERMER

Flashlight Writer

There has been an addition made to Kelchner Fitness Center. The Drop In Nutrition Center opened its doors last Tuesday.

The Drop In Nutrition Center is open to students, faculty, and staff. Students and faculty can ask questions and about nutrition and exercise and have them answered by people trained in the nutrition field. It is sponsored by the Dietetics and Sports Nutrition Departments here at Mansfield University.

"This center is a good idea because a lot of students have misconceptions about nutrition and by coming to us we can clarify what is fact and what is fiction," Dr. Linda Crawshaw, Nutrition and Dietetics professor, said.

"I think that once it becomes more known throughout the college community, if more people take advantage of it, it will benefit not only us by giving us practice and experience, but it will also benefit the students that show up to

learn more about diet and exercise," Dawn Fernandez, a student who will be working in The Drop In Nutrition Center, said.

The hours of The Drop In Nutrition Center are as follows: Tuesday 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., Wednesday 12:15 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. and Thursday 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The Drop In Nutrition Center is located in the staff room next to the front desk at the entrance of Kelchner Fitness Center.

"This gives the Dietetic and Sports Nutrition majors a chance to get experience in their field," Michelle Coleman said.

"It's a cool idea," freshman Ashley Huckle said. "It is a good way to fend off the dreaded freshman fifteen."

How many of us made a New Year's Resolution to get fit this year? Be honest! Here is the perfect time to get all of your questions about nutrition and exercise answered before the bathing suit season.

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Random Ramblings

By RACHEL ADAMS ★
& COREY MEOLA ★
Flashlight News Editor and
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★ Continuing with my rant about homemade Winterfresh commercials, what's up with the guy beat-boxing for Twix? I can't imagine being so hard up for cash/attention that I'd embarrass myself on national TV for the sake of candy. Now Herbal Essences...there's a lucrative career venture. I can imagine all sorts of doors opening up for someone with an exceptional ability to fake orgasms.

★ I would just like to state for the record, that all you people that keep walking out in front of cars on campus are driving me absolutely insane. You materialize in front of my car when I least expect it, or you

just walk in front of me and I have this feeling that you think you're going the speed limit or something. So please, for your safety and that of those of us in cars, just watch a little more and get out of the way of things that are bigger than you. I think we'll all be much happier because you won't be dead and I won't be in jail for accidentally hitting you with my car.

★ I think I might be having a mental breakdown, so if you see me out and about on campus bashing my head into a tree, please just pretend you don't see me. Unless there's blood...then you should probably get me to stop.

★ You all need to watch your TV for the Medieval Knievel commercial. It's hilarious. Nowhere else

will you see a man try to catapult himself over 20 horses with such hilarious results. Now if only I could remember what the commercial is for...

★ Commercial Rant of the Week: Those commercials for Detrol LA, the bladder control medicine with the catchy "gotta go" song that gets STUCK IN YOUR HEAD ALL DAY LONG. My particular favorite is the one where they're in court and the camera zooms in on the judge giving her a quizzical look as she runs out of the room. Oh, and have you ever noticed that apparently no males have overactive bladder? And what about the list of side effects? I think I'd rather be running to the bathroom than have dry mouth, a headache, and be constipated. But that's just me.

Today in History

1984 - The 14th Winter Olympic Games came to an end in Sarajevo, Yugoslavia. The Soviet Union led the way with 25 medals, the United States tied for fifth place with nine medals. In the shadow of the Olympic Stadium's remains, hundreds of Bosnians are now buried; as the direct result of the civil war beginning in the 1990s.

1985 - At part of Disneyland's 30th anniversary celebration, Mickey Mouse was welcomed to China. The mouse toured 30 cities in 30 days.

1985 - William Schroeder became the first artificial-heart recipient to leave the hospital when he spent 15 minutes outside Louisville, Kentucky's Humana Hospital.

1985 - The Coca-Cola Company introduced Cherry Coke.

1987 - A controversial, anti-smoking commercial aired on television for the first time. The ad featured actor Yul Brynner in a public service announcement recorded shortly before his death from lung cancer.

1990 - The Liberal Democrat Party in Japan won the general election under Toshiki Kaifu.

1994 - Fire bombs damaged six London stores; the IRA claimed responsibility.

1996 - Israel approved the return of 154 members of the Palestine National Council, including hijacker Layla Khaled, to Palestinian-ruled areas.

1997 - China's paramount leader Deng Xiaoping died at age 93. He ruled China from 1978 until he retired from his last official post in 1990, but his influence remained supreme until his death.

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GEEKculture

By TODD BAILEY
Flashlight Writer

• Well guys, the GEEK is off the market. I took the misses down to Atlantic City this past weekend and before almost getting snowed in by the massive storm from hell, we decided to hit the nickel slots at Harrah's. We lost a few bucks so I cashed out a few more bucks in quarters for the misses to play with (1st time being able to gamble legally!). When she put in the last quarter, we hit for 30 quarters (which isn't much) but she was excited! During the excitement I managed to slip behind her and drop to a knee and asked. She was speechless! The GEEK had done well!

• Coming to DVD this week is *One Hour Photo*, and *Stealing Harvard*. I may have to pick those up myself. I love Jason Lee...funny, funny guy.

• The "Married: With Children" special was kick butt. I miss that dang show sooo much. It's my favorite show EVER...even above The "Simpsons!"

• I heard some great things about *Daredevil*. I shall be seeing it for myself this week so in the next edition of GEEKculture I should have more to say about it.

• Watch *Fight Club*. It kicks butt every time you watch it.

• WWE is beginning to get very interesting. So if you are a fan but have been away from it a bit as I have, give it a shot in the near future.

• Well my GEEKlets, I have decided to add a new feature to the column, it shall be called "In the GEEKlight." This feature will suggest a movie for your viewing pleasure picked straight out of the GEEK's personal movie collection! Hope you like it!

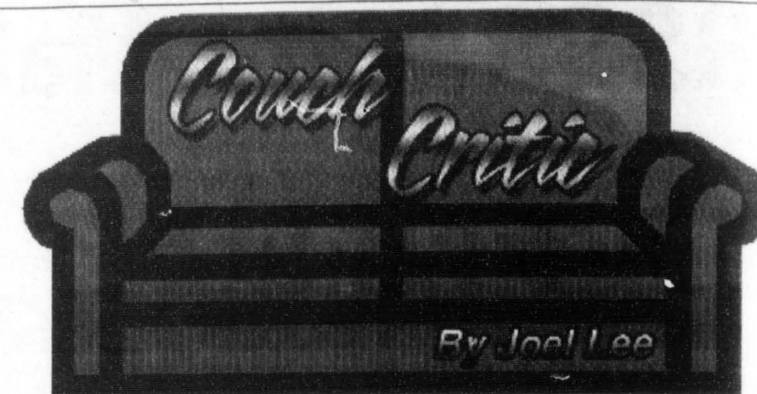
GEEK's random quote of the week:

"Pretty women make us buy beer. Ugly women make us drink beer."

-Al Bundy

"Married: with Children"

In the GEEKlight: *Unbreakable*



★ The TNN President's Day lame action movie marathon is a god-send. Woo.

★ For more buddyhead released goodness, listen to Your Enemies Friends. They only have an e.p. out, called The Wiretap, but I'm not going to hold that against them because I think that they rock. They sound like some band that sounds like another band that is a good band and really, if you only base your listening based on the idea that some band you never heard of sounds like a band that you do know, well, really, you should find a new, more daring approach to learning about new bands, a.k.a., allow me to dictate to you what is cool because I rule and you drool. Yeah, I'm stupid enough to have just stated that.

★ I really want to go on a rant about the morons who called in to my radio show to complain that we were ruining their party with the crappy music my show played, but I see no reason giving any real attention to idiots who call in with only 15 minutes left in the show, as if somehow I could go back and correct this and thus cater to their desire to hear some crappy Nelly song so they could pretend their Pabst Blue Ribbon tasted better and that they were gettin down. Yo.

★ Top 5 reasons you should not go see the Daredevil movie:

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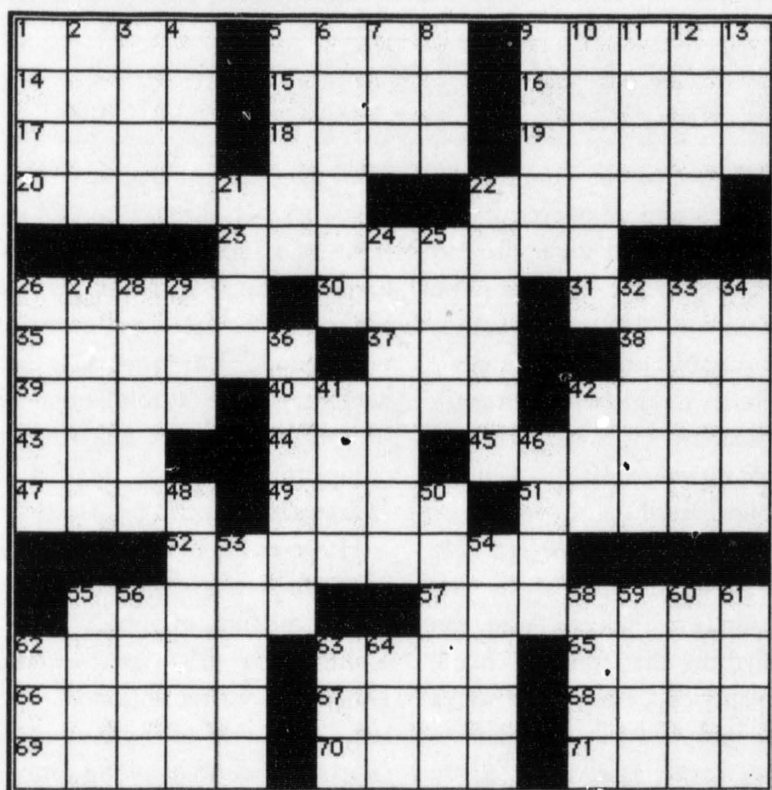
★ There's a new Reggie and the Full Effect cd out for you emo morons who like to pretend you have a sense of humor about things. Description: silly songs with lots of keyboards. Enjoy.

★ For you emo morons who always take yourself seriously, I'm sure you'd all enjoy a good cry while playing any Kind Of Like Spitting cd. Yes, you poor broken hearted souls will enjoy your emptiness with these moping tunes. Enjoy. I know I do.

★ Someday, I will eliminate all commercials. Especially that one that talks about the diapers for kids to wear that piss the bed at night and how it makes them feel more confident. I just don't get how pissing the bed, but not getting the sheets wet makes a person more confident

★ Oh, The Unbearable Lightness of Being is a heavy book, ironically. Amazing, though.

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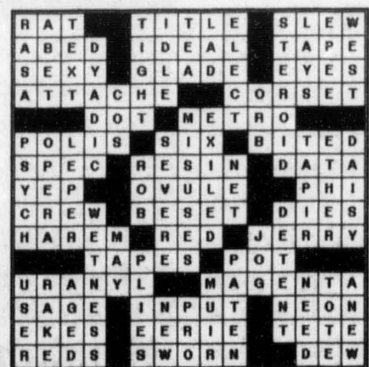
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Movie Review: Daredevil

By ANDRE BENNETT

Flashlight Writer

The way the rest of the critics have been fawning over this movie, you'd think it was the greatest comic book adaptation since Tim Burton's *Batman*. Quite frankly, I wasn't as impressed. *Daredevil* is a decent movie with a great cast, but writer/director Mark Steven Johnson suffers from trying to stuff years of material into 114 minutes of film.

Johnson retells *Daredevil's* origin in the beginning of the film (a must, I'll admit, as most non-comic book fans don't know very much about *Daredevil*), which consumes quite a bit of time. It is an entertaining sequence, as we see young Matt Murdock's transition from helpless child to superhero after he is blinded by hazardous chemicals (or something to that effect) in an accident. The accident also enhances his other senses, and he is able to use his augmented hearing to "see" using sound (what the comics term his "radar sense"). Matt's father, an aging prizefighter on the comeback trail, is murdered by gangsters, and young Matt, like a certain pointy-eared hero, pledges his life to seek justice for the downtrodden.

What separates Matt from other superheroes is that he also fights the good fight in the courtroom as an attorney. By night, however, he prowls the rooftops of his New York neighborhood, Hell's Kitchen, as the vigilante called *Daredevil*.

After this setup, Johnson heads straight into the two areas of the story that interest him the most. First, he shows just how brutal *Daredevil's* world is with a violent fight scene and shots of Murdock popping Vicodin like Tic-Tacs and pulling out loose teeth in the shower while getting shots of his heavily scarred back. I suppose his message is that despite the special powers, *Daredevil* is still all too human, capable of getting the crap beaten out of him on a bad day.

The other facet of the story that holds Johnson's interest is Murdock's romance with Elektra Natchios, the daughter of billionaire Nikolas Natchios. Matt and Elektra fall for each other rather quickly. (though it takes an extended and less than convincing fight scene to get them together), but are torn apart when a tragic event alters their lives, forcing Elektra to reevaluate her own life.

Mark Steven Johnson seems absorbed by Matt and Elektra's story, so much so that he neglects to truly develop *Daredevil* and Kingpin's rivalry. As a result of this, their inevitable fight scene seems more obligatory than any other climactic battle in a comic book movie (and trust me, I've

seen my share). More so, by rushing the story along in order to copy the climax straight from the end of *Daredevil* #181 (one of many shots Johnson literally--and liberally--swipes from the comics), he deprives the viewer of any chance to really get emotionally involved with the characters.

Thankfully, there is such a great cast assembled that I felt something for at least a few of these characters. Ben Affleck was a terrific choice to play Matt Murdock, something I have been saying from the beginning. Many have, and will continue to argue that he doesn't look like the traditional superhero. My response to that is "yes and no." While he pulls off the superhero bit well enough, he also possesses the vulnerability to carry the role of Matt Murdock. He is complemented by one of the most beautiful women currently drawing breath, Jennifer Garner of TV's "Alias," as his ill-fated love, Elektra. Like Affleck, Garner can play the soft, feminine romantic lead just as well as she can play a tough-as-nails angel of death. Here, she gets to play both, and she does so wonderfully.

As for the villains, we have Michael Clarke Duncan of *The Green Mile* and *The Whole Nine Yards* as the Kingpin. Duncan's casting was even more controversial

than Affleck's, as the comic book Kingpin is white. However, it was argued that no one has the size and the skill to play the Kingpin more than Duncan. His performance here is suitable proof, as his presence alone is menacing enough. Unfortunately, his screen time is scant compared to Affleck, Garner, and Colin Farrell.

Farrell (*Minority Report*, *The Recruit*) steals the show as the psychotic assassin Bullseye, who can turn anything that comes to hand, be it a paper clip, a pencil, or even a peanut, into a deadly weapon. As Bullseye, Farrell is allowed to run free and it shows. He chews through scenery every time he is onscreen, and he handles his action scenes very nicely. He is hilarious and chilling all at the same time, and his performance is my favorite of the film.

While the cast is solid, the story, as I mentioned already suffers. However, many of the fight scenes also suffer from excessively fast and jerky editing. Coupled with the literal darkness of this film, it is really hard to follow the first several fights. This became so bad, I began to have flashbacks from the dreadful final battle in *Pootie Tang*, one of my least favorite movies of all time. That movie had the worst editing in a fight scene, ever. Matt and Elektra's initial fight scene, more of a playful flirtation, suffers

from unconvincing, almost cheesy wirework. It doesn't resemble a fight as much as it looks like a dance. I don't know if that was the point or not, but it wasn't very good. The special effects weren't too remarkable either. The overabundance of wire fu and computer graphics reeked of "Matrix knockoff."

However, there is one effect that was so original and so well used that it stole the film, even more so than Colin Farrell's performance. *Daredevil's* aforementioned "radar sense" was one of the best special effects I've seen in a long time. As I said previously, his heightened hearing is also a powerful imagination tool, allowing him to "see" the outlines of an object's surface. The best example of this is in what I call the "rainfall scene," when the sound of raindrops hitting Elektra's face allows Matt to see her features for the first time. It's a truly powerful scene.

While I don't believe it's the best comic book film ever made, or even better than *Spider-Man*, I still think *Daredevil* is a decent film worth seeing at least once. I would have enjoyed it more seeing the story stretched across two or more movies, but I found it entertaining nonetheless, just not quite worth all of the hype. It's good, but somewhere short of fantastic.

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Business review: West's Lounge

By JACOB BRIGGS

Flashlight Writer

Have you ever been to West's Lounge? If you haven't, you should! West's is a small restaurant/bar located across from the Harley Davidson Dealership on 15 South. I have been to West's a few times and have not been disappointed!

The atmosphere is pleasant, as it includes two televisions and one big screen TV, a large saltwater fish tank, a jukebox, and plenty of seating. Also, the food is excellent and comes in large portions at reasonable prices, a definite value! Last Friday I went with a group of friends and ordered the Chicken Parmesan. It came with salad and spaghetti and was only \$7.95.

If you like chicken wings, this is the place in Mansfield to eat them. The wings are large, covered in the sauce of your choice, and are cooked just right; not greasy or dried out! Twelve flavors of wings are offered on Tuesdays (Wing Night). If you're 21 and older and enjoy drinking beer, draft beer is only a dollar. Happy hour runs Monday through Friday 4 - 6pm, draft beer is reduced to 50 cents a mug. You cannot beat that (Drink Responsibly)! Taco night is Monday, make your own for



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\$1.25 and Wednesday night is ribs for only \$3.99.

Fine food and beverage, large portions, decent prices, and not too far from campus! My friends and I enjoy West's, I think you will too! If you are interested in SIFE (Students In Free Enterprise) and would like more information about us you can E-mail me at jacobbriggs@hotmail.com and I would be happy to answer any questions you might have or you can visit www.sife.org!

OPINION & EDITORIAL

From the Editor's Desk:

Too much reality for me

By DYLAN BRUCIE

Flashlight Editor-in-Chief

I was watching television last night while taking a break from work, and I stumbled across the finale to "Joe Millionaire." Ugh. I'm really getting sick of reality television.

It's not that I hate all reality television. I watched and enjoyed some episodes of "Survivor" when it first debuted, but now you can't turn on the TV without seeing a reality show. It's too much. Every network is scrambling for the next big shocking reality show, as if regular sitcoms have no value anymore. Can't these executives figure out that too much of anything is going to drive people crazy and eventually lose them viewers? Sure, these shows are popular now (for reasons I still have yet to figure out), but they'll die off, and sooner than most people think I bet.

If "Joe Millionaire" wasn't bad enough last night, the commercials for an upcoming reality show made me cringe even more. "Married By America" has to be just about the worst idea for a television show I have ever heard. It beats out "The Louie Anderson Show."

For those of you who have been fortunate enough to miss these advertisements, let me break it down for you. These people appear

on television and then America votes on who they are going to marry. What kind of person in their right mind would agree to go on national television and let the nation decide whom they were going to marry?? Have we all gone insane?

How long has it been since a good sitcom has come out? Whatever happened to well written stories, likeable characters and actual acting? I guess it saves executives a lot of money in the long run when they don't have to worry about writers or creativity.

In conclusion, I'm not saying get rid of all reality TV, just don't forget about other genres in television. And don't spring for the first awful reality show that shows up, because all that's doing is "Jerry Springer-izing" television. Show some tact, networks.

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Letter to the editor:

Dedicated student faces blizzard

Editor:

Monday morning I awoke to a winter wonderland outside my window. It was a beautiful sight to behold, but to drive in, you've got to be kidding. So like most commuter students, I checked the Mansfield website. Nothing. Okay, so they didn't post it yet. No problem. I listen to National Public Radio every morning; they're sure to announce it. Wrong. Three other colleges in my area had been cancelled, therefore Mansfield must not be that bad. Being the "dedicated student" that I am, I prepared for school.

I live in Pine City, three miles straight up a mountain. Snowplows do not come up the mountain when there is no school. It's President's Day. Not to worry, this cat has four-wheel drive. Luckily I was able to manage the mountain, and at 15 mph it only took me about 10 minutes to crawl down it. And for those of you that travel route 549, you already know how beautiful they keep the roads. Only a meager six inches of snow covers the already three inches they have not yet removed from the road, and that is only "if" you are able to avoid the one-foot snow drifts. Nevertheless, I am a dedicated student.

Have you ever found yourself talking to your car? That the heck was I thinking? "Turn, whoa, stop," I cried out as if the car would understand me. I think I yelled at it too. "You're a four-wheel drive. What are you doing?" Hello, did I think my Blazer

was having an identity crisis? I am sure that the inch of ice on my windshield wipers didn't help much. And by the way, I stopped twice to pound the ice off. The truck ahead of me (I think it was a truck, I really couldn't see) suddenly disappeared. Inquisitively, I slowed from 25 mph to 15 mph. Through the blizzard in the snow bank ahead was a red for truck. Yeah, I was right, it was a truck. Did I mention it had four-wheel drive? Not to worry, the guy was fine, although I'm not sure about his truck. I wonder if he was another dedicated Mansfield student?

Fortunately for me, I saw no other drivers on the road. Unfortunately, I didn't see a snowplow either. The usual 35-minute ride turned into 50. However, if you really want to get a good parking space on campus, just pray for a blizzard. I haven't seen that many spaces open since summer vacation. Was the campus closed? Did I miss the announcement on NPR? Mansfield's campus looked like a ghost town.

About this time, I began to get pissed. Did I just risk my life (and Angie's too) to find out there is no school? Heck no. Good ol' Mansfield University, home of the devote and stringent hierarchy, who presupposes that all staff, students, and professors live on campus. We're a tough bunch! I had a meeting with my friend Gina at Jazzies, cold and wet, I couldn't wait to get me one of those mocha lattes'. That wasn't happening.

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Letter to the editor: 10 reasons against war

The worldwide demonstrations of the past weekend remind us that many in the United States and abroad are strongly opposed to our impending invasion of Iraq. In light of the Bush administration's plans to move forward with war, it is important that we consider the context and likely consequences. Like many Americans I have been watching for months as the administration has attempted to make its case for a preemptive war. I am unconvinced of the wisdom of our rationale for attacking Iraq. My primary reasons are these:

1. The administration has failed to produce sufficient evidence that Iraq represents an immediate threat to either the United States or the Middle East region. To the contrary, the preponderance of evidence suggests that Iraq is a far weaker nation than it was before the 1991 Gulf War. Further, Iraq understands that any attack upon nations allied with U.S. interests would inevitably lead to dire consequences and the end of its present regime.
2. The notion of a preemptive war in the absence of an immediate threat as well as strong and broad-ranging support from other nations is particularly troublesome. Without a supportive vote in the United Nations Security Council, our presumed authority to wage such a war is questionable at best. President Bush's efforts to gain a supportive vote have largely been heavy handed and arrogant, leading to resentment toward the United States among many other nations.
3. An attack on Iraq would put in unnecessary jeopardy tens of thousands of U.S. soldiers and even more innocent Iraqi citizens. In the absence of a clear and immediate threat, this in itself is unconscionable.
4. The focus on Iraq distracts our attention from a much more urgent war on terrorism that is being directed by Al Qaeda. Despite Bush administration efforts to link Al Qaeda and Saddam Hussein, there is virtually no evidence of an association or shared plans to wage terror on the United States. The primary thing they have in common is a shared resentment of the United States, but they are clearly not allies.
5. The focus on Iraq distracts our attention from the significant threat posed by North Korea, which is known to possess nuclear weapons and has publicly claimed the capacity to deliver such weapons to the United States.
6. The focus on Iraq distracts our attention from efforts needed to resolve the conflict between Israel and the Palestinians. President Bush has consistently demonstrated reluctance to address this conflict. Failure to find such a resolution fuels resentment and potential terrorism among many in the Middle East who perceive the United States as supporting Israeli oppression.
7. The focus on Iraq distracts our attention from a host of U.S. domestic issues that range from a failing economy to homeland security. The war would contribute significantly to increasing both of these problems because of its high financial costs, as well as the possibility that it would actually escalate the threat of terrorism by raising the resentment and anger toward the United States felt among many Middle Eastern citizens.
8. By waging war unilaterally, the United States will in the end make the world a more dangerous place for Americans. The resentment of our arrogance may make us less safe in the long run.
9. Iraq has finally consented to more serious inspections by the United Nations. If necessary, we can expand the inspection process to ensure that Iraq does not represent a threat to others. Having an ongoing inspection process reduces the need for immediate military action.
10. By pursuing a war that substantial numbers of Americans as well as citizens and leaders of other nations find indefensible, we will significantly reduce both the respect for and the moral authority of the United States. In the long run, this will diminish our influence and damage our interests as a world leader.

In summary, I can find few reasons to support a war on Iraq at this time. I think the likely negative outcomes far outweigh the positives and believe it ill advised for the United States to pursue war with Iraq unless there is a change in circumstances. Instead, let us focus on the more urgent problems of our country and the world.

-Peter Keller

Chair of the MU Psychology Dept.

BLIZZARD (cont.)

My good friends had the common sense to stay home, and "good for them," I said. I cannot say what I heard amongst the staff and other commuters, for I am sure that the paper would have to censor it. However I assure you that it wasn't pretty.

An hour and two inches later, I decided that I wasn't so dedicated after all. The ride home was even more treacherous. Remaining at school until 3:30 was completely out of the question. Perhaps if the forecast did not call for an additional foot or two of snow I would have considered remaining a "dedicated student." At least I know how valued my safety is to the Institution of Mansfield University. Perchance there is a valid argument for

this?

1. All Mansfield students are students that require complete dedication to the University.
2. All students that require complete dedication to the university are those students whom shall risk their lives to attend class.

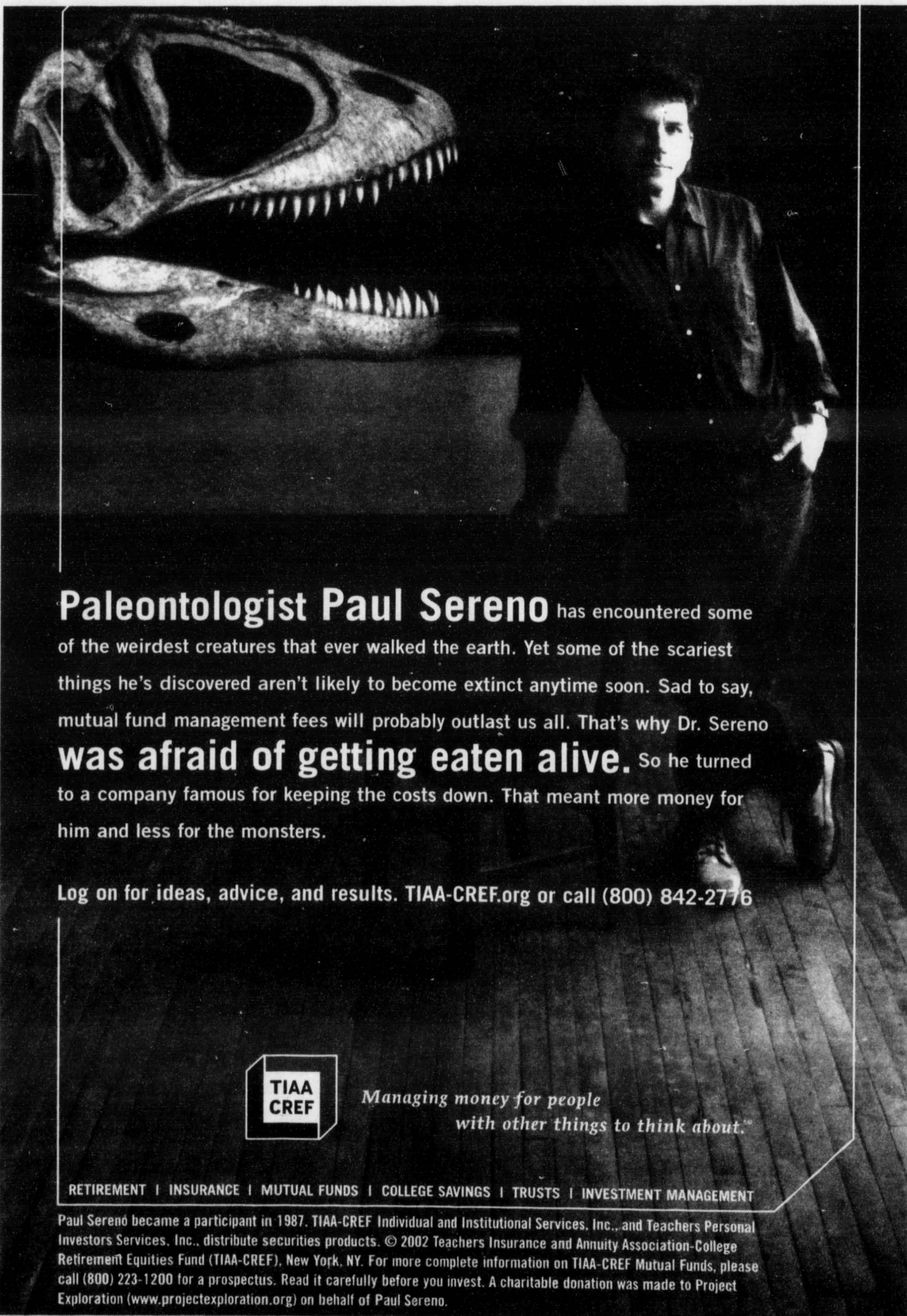
Therefore:

3. Some Mansfield students are those students who shall risk their lives to attend class.

Oh darn, not I'm really disappointed in myself.


-Catherine George

P.S.- Although MU had the sense to close later that afternoon, it makes you wonder if late sense qualifies as common sense.



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Mansfield boxing club scores big at Penn State

This past Saturday at the Mary White Building at Penn State was the site for an exciting evening of collegiate boxing.

Five schools sent representatives into the boxing ring to face off against tough opponents. The schools represented were Army from West Point, Lock Haven University, Mansfield University, the U.S. Naval Academy, and host Penn State.

Mansfield was able to put two boxers into the ring of fire - Matt Becker, boxing at 200 lbs and and Tom Smith, boxing at 175. Both men were in the ring for the first time in actual competition against another school.

Matt Becker led the Mounties into battle, boxing against Eric Bradley from Penn State. Becker towered over his short stocky opponent as they met in the middle of the ring. Becker was off to a great start in the first round using his long jabs to keep the raging bull of Penn State away.

By the second round, Becker

was noticeably weary, and the bout was stopped in the second round by the referee.

"Matt fought a valiant bout, but his inexperience and conditioning need to be strengthened," said Coach Garner. "Matt never fought a brawler like this before and had a hard time dealing with this type of boxer."

Tom Smith scored a surprising upset over Penn State's Ryan Kracaw. During the first two rounds, both tall 175- pounders worked on using their long range jabs to keep one another away.

"I started to work on my opponents head and body," said Smith. "It was the body shots that were my opponent weakness as he grunted everytime I struck him there. His hands started coming down and in the third round I was able to hit him with my right hand."

Kracaw was dropped to the canvas with a thunderous right hand to the chin that caught him by surprise as well as the rest of us.

The Penn Stater received a standing eight count by the referee and was directed to take steps toward the ref to be sure he was okay.

Kracaw staggered, and the referee waived off the bout declaring Smith the victor at 1:25 in the third round.

"Coach is always telling us about tenderizing the ribs, because they are the 'gas tank'," said Smith. "I'm a believer now and want to learn more."

The Mansfield Boxing Club's next tournament will be at Lock Haven University on Sat. Feb. 22. Bouts will begin at 2:30 p.m. and again at 7:30 p.m. The 2:30 p.m. show will feature the following Mansfield boxers:

Female: Debbie Makatur

Men: Shuvero Haroon,
Brandon Cruz, Matt Becker,
Maurice Whiteside, Tom
Smith, John Tamburini.

Mansfield will be represented by Jason Ficken and Mike Ross at the 7:30 p.m. show.

This Week In Sports..."You were saying, Phil..."

By UGO "JOE" BARBANO
Flashlight Sports Writer

Maybe Phil Mickelson was just trying to be funny by referring to Tiger Woods' golf clubs as "inferior equipment," as Tiger commented Sunday.

Whatever it was, it didn't help Mickelson any. His left-handed compliments to Woods aside, Mickelson will probably retain the dubious distinction of being the best golfer never to have won a major tournament for a long time to come. Playing the final grouping with Woods in the final round of the Buick Invitational Sunday, Mickelson proceeded to shoot a lackluster even par 72, while Woods posted a five birdie, one bogie round of 68 - winning his first tournament of 2003, after off-season knee surgery. Perhaps Mickelson should heed Tin Cup's advice: "You

can't win by shooting par on Sunday."

Heard during Sunday's coverage of the Daytona 500 (describing the spectacular crash of Ray Newman's Dodge): "See all that debris falling off the car? That's a good thing. That's dispersing the energy of the crash!" Ummm...I wonder if that was what Newman was thinking as his car flipped for the third time?

A while back, I questioned how long it would take before NHL officials would back off on enforcing the stricter interference rules this season. By the All Star break was my prediction, if I recall. Guess what? It WAS before the break that the question came up again. Officials claim that the players are more accus-

tomed to the new rule and are thus abiding by the rule. Over half of the players complain that there's as much of it going on as before, and the clutching and grabbing is just as bad, or worse.

Lost in the fanfare of Tiger's return to competition has been the hot start of South African Ernie Els. In five tournaments to date (three on the European PGA tour) Els has won four and placed second (by one stroke) in the other. Playing in the Johnnie Walker Classic in Perth, Australia, Els walked away with a ten-stroke victory and shot a European Tour record 29-under par for the tournament. In five events, Els is AVERAGING 20-under par! Woods vs. Els on the final day of a major? Now that would be a match-up worth watching!

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Speaker and a Glass



Playoff hopes alive and kickin'

By GREGORY PELLEGRINO

Flashlight Sports Co-Editor

Last week's game against the Golden Bears of Kutztown was labeled as 'huge' by both the players and coach Ruth Henderson.

The Mounties entered Keystone Hall trailing the Golden Bears for the final playoff spot in the PSAC East standings.

Mansfield started the first half shooting just 30 percent from the field, but kept the game close as they only trailed 28-27 at the half.

The Mounties regained the lead when the second half started when senior Allyson Buss who scored a team high 16 points, scored on a lay-up to go up 31-30. The Mounties would increase the lead to as many as 10 points at one point.

The Golden Bears then rallied to come within five points, but their rally came to a halt when senior Lynelle Mosley hit a key three pointer and was the start of a 15-6 Mansfield run to end the game.

"That might have been the most complete game we've played this season," said coach Ruth Henderson. "Although we didn't shoot well in the first half, we did other things well enough to keep the game close and just refused to lose in the final

four minutes of the game."

Mosley and sophomore Stephanie Riesser each scored 13 points in the Mounties 74-60 win over the Golden Bears as junior Rachel Rieder recorded a double-double with 11 points and 13 rebounds.

"We were really excited beating Kutztown," said Riesser. "In order to make the playoffs, we needed this game. It put us in a good position to make the playoffs."

With the win the Mounties improved to 9-13 overall and to 3-5 in the PSAC East standings as they prepared to travel south to face the Wolves of Cheyney.

Mansfield started the game on a 15-7 run, but from that point on they were only able to manage nine more points in the rest of the first half. The Wolves took a double digit lead (34-24) going into the half.

Cheyney would increase their lead when the second half started as they went on a 5-0 run. Then the tide turned as the Mounties began chipping away at Cheyney's lead.

The Mounties would go on a 18-2 run thanks in part to Mosley, Rieder and Riesser who combined for 15 of the 18 points before Buss

hit a three pointer with 10:09 remaining to give the Mounties a 43-41 lead.

"We played better defense and played harder to overcome the 15 point deficit," said Mosley on the Mounties' 15-point comeback. "We never gave up and we capitalized off Cheyney's mistakes."

Mansfield would up the lead to 56-47 with just under six minutes to play, but Cheyney went on a run of their own as they cut the lead to 61-60 with :33 seconds to play in regulation.

Free throws would be the key in securing the lead as Mosley and Buss converted a pair of free throws to give the Mounties a 65-60 lead with just nine seconds on the clock. Cheyney then would hit a three-point shot to cut the lead to two.

Mosley was fouled and sent to the charity line to shoot two free throws. She made the first one, but missed the second as Cheyney rebounded the ball.

Cheyney's Jewel Williams attempted a three pointer to tie the game, but her shot fell short as Riesser rebounded the ball and secured the Mounties 66-63 win over the Wolves.

"We picked up the pace in the



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The Mansfield University Women's basketball team finds themselves in the mix of the PSAC East playoff race.

second half," said Riesser. "In the first half our shots weren't falling, but our desire to go to the playoffs made us play harder. Basically it was the heart of winning."

Freshman Danna Purnell came off the bench and scored just two points, but she pulled down nine rebounds along with six assists and two steals. With the win, the Mounties improve to 10-13 overall and 4-5 in the PSAC East stand-

ings. The Mounties will travel to Bloomsburg to take on the Huskies in a key PSAC East matchup.

"Playoff talk is floating around," said Mosley. "As long as we take care of business and play good basketball, we will be in good position to make the playoffs."

The Mounties trail Kutztown by half a game for the final playoff spot and trail Bloomsburg by one game for the third spot.

Waltrip races to victory at Daytona

By MIKE PETERS

Flashlight Sports Writer

The rains came at the 45th annual Daytona 500, but they couldn't stop the NAPA car as Michael Waltrip drove away with a win in the shortened race on Feb. 16.

Waltrip out-raced many of NASCAR's finest in the season opener in Daytona. The race was called after 109 of the 200 laps. Sporadic showers forced two rain delays and cut the day short for the 43 combatants.

The poll winner and driver of the America Online car, Jeff Green started the day with the best chance to win. Green started first, but before the opening lap was over, he fell to the ninth spot. His day got steadily worse as the race went on. At one point in the race, Green was 42nd in the field

of 43.

Green's car was damaged in a three car wreck involving Ryan Newman and Ken Schrader. To make matters worse, after his car was repaired during a pit stop, he blew his tire and slid into a wall on lap 96 to end his weekend. Green finished the race in the 39th position.

The 2002 NASCAR Rookie of the Year recipient Ryan Newman went for a wild ride on lap 57. His car crumpled into pieces when it was clipped by Ken Schrader and rolled three and a half times and landed on its roof in the grass. After safety workers reached the car, Newman climbed from his window and waved to the cheering crowd.

Among many stars that Waltrip defeated for the trophy

was Jimmie Johnson. Johnson, number 48 in the Lowe's car was passed by Waltrip after a restart on lap 106. Johnson finished third, only behind Waltrip and Kurt Busch.

Johnson and Busch were edged out by the teamwork of Waltrip and Earnhardt Jr. Junior was two laps back when Waltrip and Johnson were battling for the lead. Junior put the pedal to the floor and took control of the inside lane, taking room away from Johnson to maneuver and adding protection to Waltrip's lead.

By being victorious in the 500, Waltrip paid tribute to the seven-time Winston Cup champion and Daytona's all-around champion driver with 34 victories, including the 1998 Daytona 500.

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Mounties hit hard times falling to PSAC rivals

By SARAH STOERMER

Flashlight Sports Writer

This past week the Mounties played host to Kutztown in a key PSAC East showdown.

The Mountaineers missed 13 of their first 15 shots. The rocky start offensively plagued them for the rest of the game. Defensively Mansfield was still in the game.

Mansfield managed to hold Kutztown at 31-24, at halftime.

Determined to overturn the game, Bret Longpre came out of the locker playing strong. He hit a 3-pointer, lay-up, and a foul shot pulling the Mounties to within one point of the Golden Bears, 35-34.

Mansfield held Kutztown by one point throughout much of the second half. Kutztown broke away going on a 13-3 run, 63-52. Killing eight out of ten foul shots, Kutztown put the game out of reach for Mansfield.

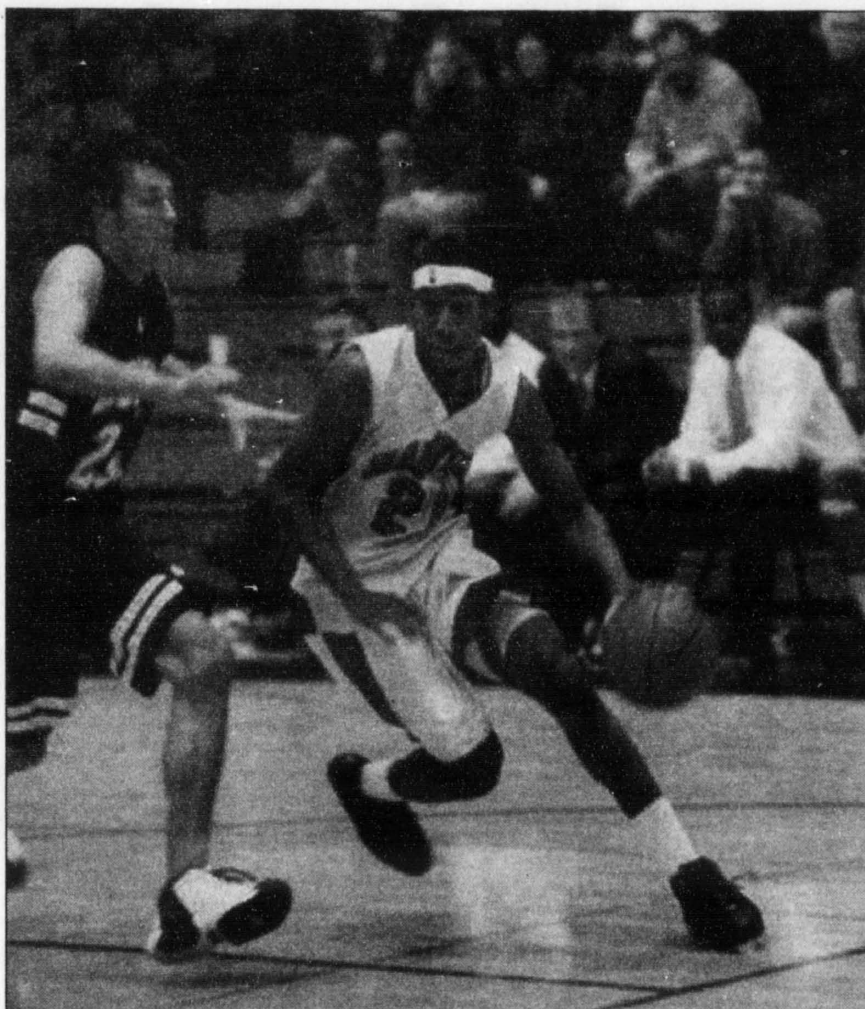
T.J. Mann led the Golden Bears to victory scoring a game high of 21 points and grabbing 13 rebounds.

Longpre had his third double-double, scoring a game high of 21 points and grabbing a game and season high 14 boards.

Ian Connor also played a good game for Mansfield adding 14 points and nine rebounds.

Mansfield lost to Kutztown 78-69, dropping to 14-9 overall and holding tight to fourth place in the PSAC East by half a game ahead of Cheyney with a 3-5 mark.

On Feb. 15, the Mountaineers



Sports Information

Bill McNeil scored a game high 25 points in the Mounties 76-70 loss to Cheyney this past Saturday.

went head to head with Cheyney. Despite Mansfield's freshman star Bill McNeil sinking a game high of 25 points, the Mountaineers were unable to defeat Cheyney in the 76-70 decision in a PSAC East contest at Cope Hall Saturday afternoon.

The Wolves built a 42-36 halftime lead. Cheyney's Bruce Hall, Melvin Eason and Anthony Frazier controlled the court combining for 31 points in the first half.

With under eight minutes to play the clock read 61-49 just

before the Mounties lashed out to close the game at 69-65 on a jumper by Brian Bryant, who sunk the shot with only 57 seconds remaining.

Cheyney then sealed the game for good making seven of eight free throws. Free throws were what made this game. Mansfield took 12 more shots from the floor than Cheyney, but the Wolves hit 24 of 33 free throws to the Mountaineers nine of 11.

It is a relief to see that Mansfield has McNeil back, who broke out of his shooting slump. Brian Bryant also sunk double figures for Mansfield putting 10 points up for the team. Bryant also kept his head in the game and offered the Mountaineers five assists.

Mansfield drops 14-10 overall and 3-6 in the PSAC East. The Mounties travel to Bloomsburg tonight.

Mansfield's Sports Information Director to receive award

Steve McCloskey, sports information director at Mansfield University, is the 2003 recipient of the Irving T. Marsh Award from the Eastern College Athletic Conference-Sports Information Directors Association (ECAC-SIDA).

The award is presented to a sports information director who, in the opinion of the ECAC-SIDA Executive Board and the Service Bureau Director, has contributed most to the profession during his or her career.

Now in his 16th year at Mansfield, McCloskey is the first full-time sports information director in school history. He and the sports information staff have won numerous citations for publications and writing excellence from the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA), including the 1991 football game program, voted third best in the country among NCAA Division II, III and NAIA schools.

A 1991 publication of the World's First Night Football Game Centennial was voted Best in the Nation. In 2000 McCloskey and the sports information staff earned best in nation awards for its basketball centennial program and poster.

A 15-year member of CoSIDA



McCloskey

and ECAC-SIDA, McCloskey was a member of the board of directors of ECAC-SIDA from 1993-2000 and served the organization's president in 1999.

"I am truly humbled by this honor, and I share it with all the great people who I work with and have worked with over the years," McCloskey said. "I happen to be lucky enough to do something I love for a place that I love and that has given me so much."

The award will be presented at the ESPN Awards Banquet at the ECAC-SIDA workshop in Staten Island, NY on June 5.

SPORT SHORTS

LEARN AND FIACONNI SET RECORDS

Troy's Charity Learn breaks two school records at the Bucknell Winter Classic.

Learn broke Kathleen Brennen's school record in the 1000 meter run with a time of 3:10.46. Learn also bettered a school record that she had set in the 3000 meter run with a time of 10:20.76.

Aaron Fiacconi took third place in the weight throw event. Fiacconi threw a distance of 46.78 feet and set a new school record surpassing Nate Reider's record.

Mansfield's next competition is

Saturday at the Cornell Invitational.

POPOVIC AND HOUCK QUALIFY FOR PSAC

Andrea Popovic and Katie Houck both qualified for the PSAC Swimming Championship at the East Stroudsburg Qualifying Invitational this past Saturday.

Popovic was third in the 200 with a time of 2:03.83 while Houck finished fourth at 2:04.25.

The PSAC Swimming Championship will be held at West Chester University Feb. 20-22.

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Let's get *dirty*!

Mountie baseball looks to another exciting season

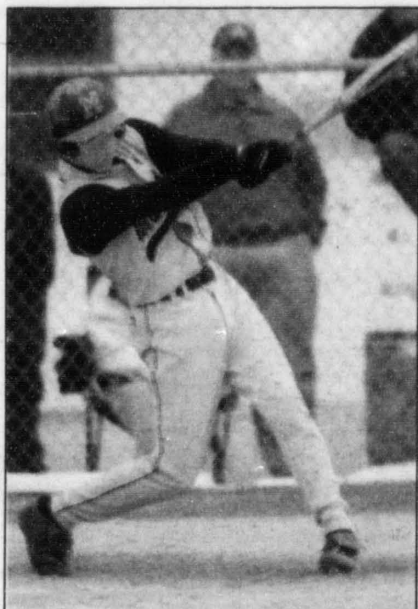
By JENNIFER A. NELSON
Flashlight Sports Co-Editor

PSAC Eastern Division winners. Second most wins in school history with 41. Hillson captures 500 career wins. Martin signs deal with the Expos. 'Harry's Heroes.'

That was the 2002 season for Mansfield baseball. Once again, the Mounties are ready to get *dirty*.

Baseball great Babe Ruth once said: "The way a team plays as a whole determines its success. You may have the greatest bunch of individual stars in the world, but if they don't play together, the club won't be worth a dime." Mountaineer baseball has been an on-going tradition for many years. The team has proved numerous times that they do play together. Again, the Mounties will show Mansfield that they are worth that *dime*.

The 2003 season has several new faces but remains a team with experience and dedication. "We are very optimistic going into this season," said Coach Harry Hillson. Several key players will return for the Mounties that helped Mansfield hit an average of .327. This helped them earn PSAC honors in many offensive categories. "We feel pretty good about our returning starters," said



Sports Information

Senior Jason Fischer provides key defense up the middle for the Mounties.

Hillson. These players include Travis Wurster (All-PSAC), Brett Brown (All-Region), Jason Manwaring (First Team All-American), Aaron Kilgo, Jason Fischer, Craig Barkey, Brandon Brokaw, Doug Evans and D.J. Houshauer.

On the Mound...

Last year, Mike Ruth and All-American Greg Martin pitched 28 games as they won 22 and had 17 complete games. "Greg is doing very well with the Expos," said Hillson.

The Mounties are without those key hurlers this time around. Though, the pitching staff is ready to strike out the side.

Kane Stein is out for the season due to off-season surgery. Jeff Papi and John Cronin will be seeing a lot of time on the mound. Papi had a strong performance last year with 31 strikeouts over five games. Cronin is 6-4 in his career at Mansfield. Brandon Brokaw and Bryan King will also be called. Brokaw pitched the game of his life at Kutztown a year ago and is expected to pick up where he left off. King is coming back from an injury and may be used as a key closer or even starter. Transfer Marty Rakaczewski will also be an important asset to the team. Freshman Dan Yoder is likely to be in the starting rotation as he shows the confidence of a true PSAC pitcher. Yoder helped carry the Williamsport Millionaires to the state playoffs.

The bullpen will be vital to save games for the Mounties. Matt Baker and T.J. Dincer will lead the pack along with Matt Wesolowski, Zach Weaver, Matt Allegretto and Justin Ferguson. The Mounties may need to gain experience on the mound, but that won't get the pitching staff down. They are sure to throw many solid pitches this season.

The Sluggers...and Fielders

In 2002, the Mounties impressively placed 10th in the nation for home runs, 15th with their slugging percentage, and 26th in scoring as a team. Last year, designated hitter Jason Manwaring led the Mounties at the plate. He holds the NCAA Division II homerun title with 23. His batting average was seventh in the PSAC at .388. Manwaring will continue to be a powerhouse yet again. First Baseman Brett Brown was second in the PSAC for homeruns and RBI's. He



Sports Information

Travis Wurster earned All-PSAC honors in the 2002 season.

is looking more like a "dangerous three hole hitter" this season. Freshman Brian Frame will help out Brown with back-up efforts.

The Mounties' return their efficient second baseman Jason Fischer as a three-year starter. Shortstop Travis Wurster turned many heads during his freshman year. As lead off hitter, Wurster managed a .278 batting average while scoring 44 runs. Along with his offense, Wurster's defensive qualities will again help the Mountaineers win. The duo of Fischer and Wurster earned them a fifth place spot in the NCAA for 55 total double plays. Freshman Stuart Sumner and Kasey Keenan will provide strong backup for the middle infield.

Third base is up for grabs since Eddie Frame (All-Region) graduated. Transfer Matt Mills and the versatile Brandon Brokaw will seek the starting position. D.J. Houshauer will also see some playing time at third.

Right fielder Doug Evans returns for another season. He has 19 career homeruns for the Mountaineers. Josh Rearick will be positioned in center field for his quick skills and defense. Transfer Matt Hribal will vie for this spot as well. Aaron Kilgo may see time left field. Kilgo averaged .348 at the plate last sea-

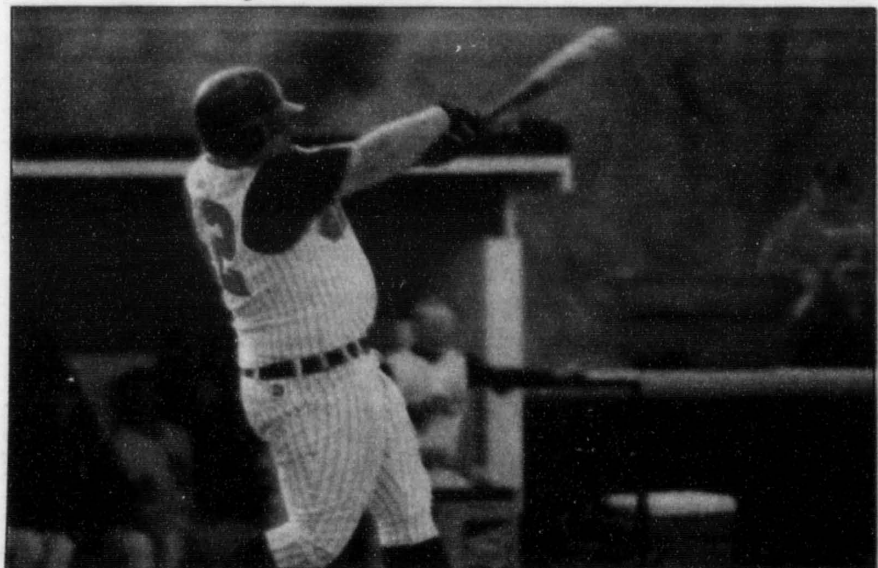
son. Other possibilities for that position are D.J. Houshauer and transfer Dan Kochenderfer with freshman Brett Shockless backing up.

Don't forget the Catchers!

Craig Barkey will guard the plate again this year. In 2002, his batting average was .333 and will move up in the line up. Since the pitching staff isn't as strong as it was in the past, Barkey has been working hard with the pitchers. In 263 chances, he only committed five errors. Matt Hribal and D.J. Houshauer could also find time behind the plate.

The Mounties will look to turn more heads in the PSAC and make more history for their organization. In a few weeks, they will travel to Florida for spring break. "This is our strongest schedule for Florida competition which will prepare us for league play," said Hillson.

Coach Hillson also noted that they would open their season this weekend in Virginia at Ferrum and Lynchburg Colleges. The weather might be a factor for the games to be cancelled. Whether or not they stick to this early schedule, the Mountaineers will be *gettin' dirty* all season.



Sports Information

Jason Manwaring holds the NCAA Division II record for homeruns.



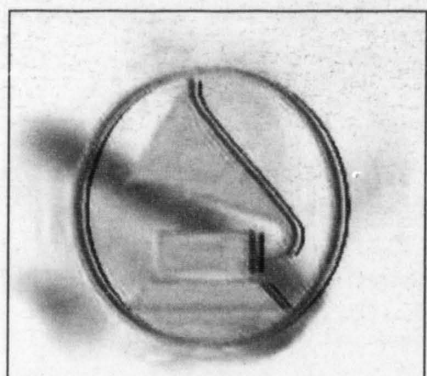
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University faculty state opinions on impending war with Iraq

By KEVIN FALKENBERG

Special to the Flashlight

A forum on war with Iraq was held last Wednesday in the Alumni Hall Student Center. Dr. Russell Hamilton, of the Political Science Department, and the Reverend Deb Casey of United Campus Ministry represented the pro-war position, while Dr. Andrew Gaskiewicz, History department, and Dr. Dennis Murray, Psychology department, opposed the war.

Hamilton organized his support of the war behind the "pre-war tradition" in that the government must establish just cause for going to war. Hamilton covered three terms of just cause, the first being provocation.

"We have been attacked! We are at risk of further attack! The terrorist attacks of 9/11 are justification enough for war," Hamilton said.

The second term is the search for greater peace as a result of the war, and Hamilton confirmed such an objective in a war with Iraq. The third term states that war must be a last resort, but Hamilton felt that it will never satisfy everyone's idea of a "last resort." In the end, a preven-

tive war would be better than a preemptive war, Hamilton said, because precluding war altogether is still better than stalling one until a later time.

Casey supported the war by comparing different styles of warfare. The U.S. is not interested in a "crusade war," which has definitive good and evil, and ends in total domination for the victor. It is too simplistic, according to Casey.

"Pacifism" is similar to crusading because it promotes a presence of tyranny over war. Although it may use as minimal force as necessary, pacifism can still lead to one country trying to control another.

The "just war" is a war that is viewed as morally right, and it is highlighted by refraining from violence unless there is no other choice. Casey supported the U.S. in a just war because she felt the U.S., the only "super power" left in the world, has a responsibility over all nations.

Gaskiewicz led his anti-war sentiments with the legality of a preemptive war. By embracing a preemptive war, the U.S. would be going against its own nature and

the United Nations' duties of attempting to preserve peace. Also, there is no indication that Iraq will attack anyone or that they even have the ability to do so.

"There is no evidence that Iraq has any nuclear capability whatsoever," Gaskiewicz said.

It has also never been proven that Saddam Hussein has any connection with terrorism or Al-Qaeda. Additionally, Iraq would tear itself apart because of its conflicting ethnic groups, causing postwar chaos, according to Gaskiewicz.

Murray cited the following reasons why he criticizes a war with Iraq. There is no sufficient evidence to link Iraq to the September 11th attacks, and no evidence that Iraq is a threat. There are other nonviolent solutions that the U.S. can try because a war would be morally and financially harmful. Millions of people died in Iraq during and after the Gulf War, and the same thing would happen again. Saddam may do horrendous things, even to his own people, if he is provoked. If the U.S. acts alone in the war, it may spoil relations with our allies.

The war is already estimated to

cost billions of dollars and it would multiply daily, according to Murray. The war with Iraq must not be confused with pure self-interest, and it must be a last resort.

"These conditions have not been met in this circumstance," Murray said. He does not favor the government's way of thinking that they have the divine right to act superior and try and change the world. The U.S. expects everyone to follow their lead, and if everyone followed their duty to interfere it would result in worldwide chaos.

Students filled the debate room, many of whom came to broaden their opinions on the war.

"I came to get a better view of what is happening," said Che Wankie, MU senior.

For students who attended the debate in order to get involved, Dr. Murray announced the number of the White House's war opinion line: (202) 456-1111, from 9-5 EST, Monday-Friday. Anyone can voice their support or opposition on the proposed war in Iraq.



The Verdi Quartett, from left: Peter Stein, Karin Wolf, Susanne Rabenschlag and Andrei Melik.

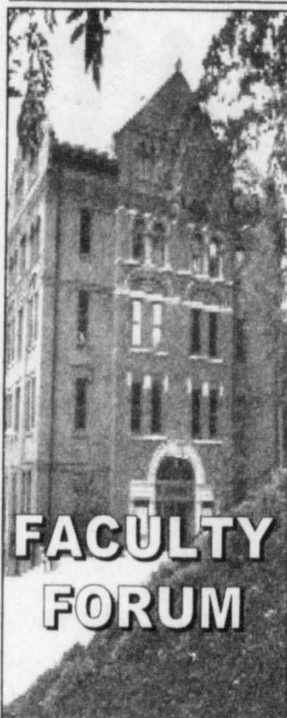
The Verdi Quartett, a German string ensemble comprised of Peter Stein and Susanne Rabenschlag on violin, Karin Wolf playing viola and cellist Andrei Melik, will present a program tomorrow night at 7 p.m. in Steadman Theatre.

Tickets are \$10 general admission, and \$5 for seniors and children. MU students, faculty and staff will be admitted free.

For more information, call the Fine Arts hotline at (570)662-4444, or visit the MU website at www.mansfield.edu

The performance by the Verdi String Quartett is part of the Mansfield University Fine Arts Series.

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Dr. Dennis Murray, Psychology, had his essay entitled: "Time for Networks to Use an Ethical Review Process?" published in the *Allentown Morning Call* in February. Dr. Murray was also quoted in an Associated Press story about Valentines day gift giving.

Dr. Kenneth Sarch, Music, had his article published in the *American String Teachers Magazine* (Spring 2003 Edition) regarding his trip to Cuba. The article describes the trip and the system of music education in Cuba.

Ann Klinger, Public Relations, has been elected as Mansfield Firemen's Ambulance Association Chief.

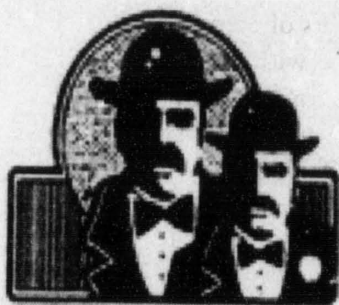
Abe Ghods, Business and Economics, will speak at a workshop on "Effective Management" on March 13th at 11 a.m. in the MU Technology Outreach Center in Memorial Hall. Cost of the workshop including lunch is \$25.

The Center for Lifelong Learning is offering a Beginning Sign Language Workshop starting on March 4 for interested staff and faculty on how to use the sign alphabet, sign short words and read sign from other people. There are 8 sessions which will meet on Tuesday and Thursdays from 6:15 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. in Elliott Hall Room 121. The cost is \$65 with a deposit required. Call x4851 to register.

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★ **The Vagina Monologues** benefit performances will take place tonight in Straughn Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. and in Alumni Hall Student Center 307 at midnight, and tomorrow in Straughn at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$4 for students and \$7 for others. Tickets will be sold at the door, or you can call the box office at x4781 to reserve your seat. Ticket sale proceeds go to Haven in Tioga County and the Abuse and Rape Crisis Center (ARCC) in Bradford County. Come and be entertained and enlightened while helping others!

★ The Faculty Film Series presents **Strawberry and Chocolate**, a Cuban film and winner of an Academy Award for Best Foreign Film in 1995. It will be shown tomorrow at 4 p.m. in Allen Lecture Hall. The film is in Spanish with English subtitles. Sponsored by the Office of the Provost.

★ Every Wednesday from 7 to 10 p.m. a **billiards tournament** will be held in Alumni Hall Student Center. Last week's winners are: 1st- Nate Seider; 2nd- Matt Bliss; 3rd- Travis King.

★ **GEEK WEEK IS COMING!!** (March 17-March 22) Find out all the details in the next edition of the *Flashlight*!

★ Mansfield University will host the Pennsylvania Intercollegiate Band Festival Feb. 28 through March 2. **Host families are needed** to provide housing and transportation for the more than 120 visiting college and university musicians. Host families would pick up students from Steadman Theatre on the MU campus Friday and Saturday at 9 p.m. and drop students off Saturday and Sunday morning at 8:30 a.m. All host families will receive two complimentary tickets to the concert, which is March 2 at 2 p.m. For more information or to volunteer to be a host family call (570)662-4710.

★ The **Mu Xi Literary Society** is accepting submissions for the Spring 2003 issue of **Edge City**, MU's student literary magazine. Send hard copies of your poetry, short fiction and non-fiction prose to Mu Xi, Box 73, Alumni Hall Student Center, or send electronic copies to Dr. John Ulrich at julrich@mnsfld.edu. Be sure to include your name and contact information with your submission. Deadline for submissions is Feb. 28. **Edge City** is funded by the Student Activities Fees.

★ The **President's Commission on the Status of Women** urges female students to show their appreciation to a member of the MU community who has succeeded in making a positive difference in their lives, and has contributed to their success at Mansfield. The students are asked to write a letter about how this person has made a difference. An Appreciation Luncheon will be held at the end of March for students and nominees. A form can be obtained by contacting Sheila Kasperek, 217 North Hall, or e-mail skaspere@mnsfld.edu by Friday, February 28.

Announcements for *Info-to-Go* can be e-mailed to flashlit@mnsfld.edu and will be published on a first-come, first-served basis.

**The Flashlight wishes everyone
a safe and happy Spring Break!**

Instructors say classroom ideal for Iraq debate

By RANDY WINDER

Daily Collegian (Penn State)

With the looming possibility of war and soldiers departing to the Middle East, heated debate about conflict in Iraq is circulating through the classrooms of many universities.

Some people are questioning whether professors have the right to express their personal beliefs.

Sam Richards, Pennsylvania State University professor of sociology, said teachers and professors have the right to offer personal views about the war during discussions. He said teachers inevitably express their opinions when teaching a class.

"You can't keep your own ideologies out of the classroom completely. I can't imagine a situation in which we teach ideology-free," he said.

Richards added that teachers must give students the opportunity to disagree. Because teachers possess the power in the classroom to decide what to discuss, they should not use that power to shut students down, he said.

Harry Max (freshman-liberal arts) said he thinks teachers voicing their own beliefs affects students' ability to make their own decisions.

"When teachers put their own beliefs out there, they influence my own because most teachers are somewhat intelligent, and I listen to the different standpoints, which makes me question my own," he said.

Some instructors say the college classroom is a good place to discuss personal thoughts on the war.

Part of the function of a large

university is to facilitate discussions about social issues affecting the nation, said D. Scott Bennett, associate professor of political science. It is perfectly acceptable for teachers to state personal beliefs in the classroom, he said.

"Faculty members are humans, so they are going to have opinions about all issues," he said.

Teachers interjecting their personal thoughts become unacceptable when they present their opinions as fact, or tell students what is right or wrong, he said. The best thing for teachers to do is allow counter-statements and allow open discussion among students, Bennett said.

"This can be an effective way to get students to learn. Sometimes the best learning

occurs when a faculty member says something outrageous," he said.

Brandon Gustafson (freshman-engineering), said he usually welcomes his professors' personal opinions.

"When teachers state their own beliefs, I think students become more involved and interested in the classroom discussion. There is nothing wrong with an open debate involving a teacher," he said.

Bill Milz (freshmen-division of undergraduate studies) is also receptive to opinionated teachers.

"I like the idea of teachers talking about war because, for the most part, they are more educated," he said. "If you have a teacher or professor who knows what they are talking

about, they could open the eyes to a new perspective."

Other students said teachers should not share their personal thoughts about war in the classroom.

Yuan Tang (sophomore-psychology and advertising) said teachers should not provide their personal beliefs because it hinders students from forming their own beliefs. When professors express their own ideology, there is the possibility a teacher could bias or taint their curriculum, which would affect students' decisions, she said.

"At most, the teacher should mention their beliefs, but not dwell on them. Teachers should be facilitating discussion, but not by going on and on about their beliefs," she said.

MU Symphony Orchestra presents concert tonight

By TARA BURKE

Special to the Flashlight

The Mansfield University Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Dr. Kenneth Sarch, will be performing tonight at 7 p.m. in Steadman Theatre. The concert is entitled "American Overtures" and will contain a variety of American symphonic orchestra music.

The evening of music will contain notable pieces such as "Commemoration Fanfare" and "Chorale" by Claude Smith. "Outdoor Adventure" by Aaron Copland will also be featured. Other composers featured will be Kirt Mosier with "Alasdrom,"

which is based on Gaelic folk songs, and features percussion and woodwind sections of the orchestra. Harrisburg composer Sy Brandon will also be featured with his work "Celebration Overture," written in 1995.

The program will conclude with a performance of the work of Leonard Bernstein entitled "Overture to Candide."

The Mansfield University Symphony Orchestra features string, wind, brass and percussion sections that are composed of students from the university music departments. The symphony orchestra has drawn praise for its university and multiple cities tour-

ing performances.

Tickets for the evening symphony concert are \$5 for adults and \$3 for senior citizens and children. MU students, faculty and staff are admitted free with ID. All proceeds from the concert will go to benefit the music department scholarship fund.

For more information regarding tickets for the evening performance, call the music department office at x4710.

Also available at the evening concert will be the first CD released by the symphony orchestra from last fall. The CD is available for \$10 and features the works of Copland, Bizet and Tchaikovsky.

Missing Cornell U. grad student found dead

By GAUTHAM NAGESH

Cornell Daily Sun (Cornell U.)

The body of Ritesh S. Shetty, Cornell University graduate student, was found in the Six Mile Creek gorge area late Thursday afternoon by a snowshoe hiker. Shetty had been reported missing by his roommates on Sept. 26, 2002.

Shetty was reportedly last seen on the night of Sept. 22, 2002, when he met with some friends for a movie. In a report published by *The Cornell Daily Sun* on Feb. 12, law enforcement officials believed that Shetty had left his apartment at 114 Summer Hill Drive and stopped at his office in Olin Hall, where they recovered some of his personal affects. After these clues, there was no discernible timeline. No officials from the Sheriff's department were available for comment at press time.

An autopsy performed in Binghamton this past Saturday ruled that the death was a suicide caused by hanging. Tompkins County Sheriff Peter Meskill confirmed to the Ithaca Journal that Shetty had apparently hung himself from a tree.

His housemates reported that due to their conflicting schedules it was not unusual for one or two days

time to pass without seeing Shetty. However, his brother-in-law, Mahesh Ariga became suspicious after he received no response to repeated telephone calls and e-mails beginning on Sept. 22, 2002. Concerned, he traveled to Ithaca from his residence in Ohio.

"Ritesh is a very studious person, with no financial problems, no girlfriend. How could all of a sudden something like this happen?" Ariga told *The Sun* on Feb. 12. No suicide note was found.

Investigators from the Tompkins County Sheriff's office and the Cornell University Police had been pursuing the investigation throughout the last five months. This effort included sending divers into the many gorges and lakes in the surrounding area.

A native of Bombay, India, Shetty had enrolled as a graduate student in chemical engineering in the fall of 1999. He received his undergraduate degree from the Indian Institute of Technology in Bombay. He was 24 years old.

The College of Engineering, Cornell United Religious Work and the Office of International Students and Scholars are planning a memorial service, but a date has not yet been confirmed.



SGA Update

By MARIA TREGO &
KRISTA TYNER

Special to the Flashlight

Mansfield University President John Halstead visited our Feb. 10 meeting. The president presented to our Senators the updated revitalization plan for the University as well as the 2003-2007 enrollment plan prepared by Director of Admissions Brian Barden.

Six years ago the President, along with Cabinet members, created "The Mansfield Plan" which helped carry the University into the new millennium. Currently, these same people have revised the plan and have implemented five new goals complete with sub-points for the next five years. During our meeting President Halstead highlighted each new goal. They include:

1) Improvement of the academic quality of Mansfield; 2) unification of the "Mansfield Experience" for students both inside and outside the classroom; 3) continuing to foster a diverse campus and embrace diversity in the educational experiences offered to MU students, staff, and faculty; 4) deepen the development and resource base of MU students, staff, and faculty; and 5) expansion of Mansfield's leadership role in economic, educational, and cultural development of the region and embrace responsi-

bility for public engagement. The President shared his own goals and personal thoughts as well as fielded questions and recommendations from our Senators. A copy of the updated revitalization plan is available on the MU homepage.

The enrollment plan, also presented to the Senate, is a new initiative within the Admissions office to improve retention, new program development, University resources, and minority recruitment. The plan includes targeted enrollment statistics for the next five years. Presently, enrollment is 3,368 students, by fall semester 2007 the enrollment goal is 3,550 students. Despite the increase in enrollment, Mansfield will still be one of the smallest Universities in the State System of Higher Education. Total enrollment by academic department is also included in the plan as well as out of state statistics. For copies of the Enrollment Plan see the Admissions Office.

To voice questions or concerns contact the SGA office at extension 4984. Your comments will be forwarded to the President and Cabinet for further discussion. Also, feel free to attend our meetings. They are every Monday night, 9:15pm in room 317 of Alumni Hall. All are welcome, we hope to see you there.

MU musicians take a tour

By JONATHAN SCHWAB
Flashlight Writer

Two Mansfield University choral ensembles will be embarking on a tour over Spring Break. They will be giving five performances from March 6 to 10.

The Concert Choir, an ensemble of 40 musicians, and the Mansfieldians, a twelve-person ensemble made up of members of Concert Choir, will be touring and performing over the course of the week, according to a publicity release for the tour.

"The Concert Choir takes an annual tour every spring, and this spring we've been invited to the MENC (Music Educators National Conference) Eastern Division Convention in Rhode Island," Dr. Peggy Dettwiler, Director of the Concert Choir and co-director of the Mansfieldians, said.

The two groups of singers were chosen after sending a tape in to a committee who judged the tape without knowing who was singing, rating it only on its quality. The fact that only two or three other college choirs will be represented at the conference is a real honor, according to Dettwiler.

The invitation was given in the fall and after months of preparation and waiting, there is quite a bit of anticipation, but not just because of the wait.

"[The anticipation is especially high] because we've been given the Friday night featured concert, where all the delegates will hear it," Dettwiler said.

Included in those delegates will be 250 high school students, who are members of the All-Eastern Choir. "It is going to be a wonderful recruiting opportunity for them

Nightclub fire victims honored

By LOTEM ALMOG

Brown Daily Herald (Brown U.)

Hundreds of people gathered at St. Gregory the Great Church in Warwick, R.I., Monday night to honor and pray for the victims of last week's deadly nightclub fire and their families.

The church was filled to capacity, necessitating the service be simulcast to a crowded room in the church's basement.

True to its title, the "Statewide Interfaith Memorial Service for the Families and Victims of the West Warwick Fire" was officiated by religious leaders from the Christian, Jewish and Muslim faiths.

Several Christian leaders, including the Bishop of the Diocese of Providence Robert E. Mulvee, offered prayers, and other religious leaders read from the Koran, Hebrew scripture and Christian scripture.

"We come irrespective of our religions," said the Reverend Matthew Kai, president of the Ministers' Alliance of Rhode Island.

In the opening prayer, Kai asked for consolation. "Let us leave this place in our renewed minds; that come what may, all is going to be all right," he said.

Rhode Island Governor Donald Carcieri also came to pay his respects. Carcieri himself was praised for his handling of the tragedy several times during the service.

"When you chose your new governor, you perceived him to be a leader," Deborah Smith, director of

and embracing its own," Carcieri said.

Others speakers at the service expressed respect for the fortitude of the victims' families. "The families of the victims, what an extraordinary group they are -- reaching out to calm and strengthen each other. ... Our faith was strengthened by you," Mulvee said.

"Sometimes you took better care of us than we took of you," said Rev. John E. Holt, executive minister for the Rhode Island State Council of Churches.

During Holt's remarks, he asked all families of the victims who had brought photographs of their lost loved ones to raise those pictures for the audience to see. Scores of portraits of the deceased stared back at



AP PHOTO

Firefighters battle flames at the Station nightclub in Rhode Island last Thursday after a Great White pyrotechnics show went awry.

municipal affairs and appointments for the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, told the audience in her introduction of Carcieri. "Well, it is no longer a perception."

Carcieri offered his condolences to the victims' families. "This is a deeply sorrowful time. We have suffered a great tragedy and the depth of that pain is shared by the whole state," he said. Carcieri added that the whole nation is mourning with the people of Rhode Island.

The Governor also applauded the efforts of firefighters, rescue workers, medical workers, clergy and the community at large for their support of those most personally affected.

"We have seen our community unite like never before... This has been an entire state reaching out

the crowd.

Other people in attendance also brought photographs of their friends or acquaintances and held them during the length of the service.

Still more came without knowing any of the victims personally, just to share in the community's grief.

"It was a lovely service. I didn't personally know anybody who perished but I feel terrible," said East Greenwich resident Angela Voisard.

The memorial service comes in the wake of a fire ignited last Thursday by pyrotechnics used by the band Great White in their show at The Station nightclub in West Warwick. So far, 97 people have been confirmed dead as a result of the fire.

Following the service in Warwick, the public was invited to attend a prayer vigil at the West Warwick Civic Center.



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OPINION & EDITORIAL

From the Editor's Desk:

Debate is a good thing

By DYLAN BRUCIE

Flashlight Editor-in-Chief

I have to say, I think it's great that there is so much debate and discussion on campus over conflicts in Iraq. The best ideas and solutions can only be reached through careful debate and exposure to all ideas. I was sorry to miss the debate last week between faculty members.

I, myself, will be debating the war with Marty Rakaczewski, who wrote a letter printed in *The Flashlight* a few weeks ago, soon on the campus radio station. I'll be taking the anti-war position and he'll be defending his pro-war stance. It should be really interesting and I'm looking forward to a calm, rational debate (hopefully it will be calm and rational anyway). With any luck, by the end of it, even if we still don't agree on anything, we'll understand the other's point of view a little bit better. The debate will be on Loren Carpenter's show sometime soon after we get back from Spring Break. Tune in to his show on Wednesdays or Saturdays to get more details.

Interestingly enough, Saddam Hussein recently said that he would be willing to have a live broadcast debate with President George W. Bush over issues concerning the war. The White House immediately dismissed the idea, not taking it seriously. I think it sounds like a great idea. Let's see how well our president does when he's under the gun and there's an opposite point of view to counter his, straight from the horse's mouth. Hussein may be insane, but I doubt he is a stupid man. If our leader is half as tough as he claims to be, let's see him step up and prove it without help from the U.S. military. Let's get a point of view

from Hussein that doesn't go through a dozen different sources before it finally gets to us.

For a really interesting look at someone's perspective from inside Iraq, check out the letter on page seven. It really gives you an inside look into the lives of the people that live in this country and it's definitely worth the read. I can say all I want about not going to war, but the woman who wrote this really knows.

For all those who say, "action speaks far louder than words," or, "enough debate, let's just bomb away," I hope you're not too surprised when other countries take the same stance against the United States. No empire (and yes, we are indeed an empire) lasts forever and our time at the top may run out much faster than we all think. While people like Bush wonder about whether or not there's a place in the 21st century for organizations such as the United Nations, who try to negotiate peace rather than start war, the rest of us will have to face the consequences as misunderstandings blow up into full scale wars and we're sent back to the stone age.

Talk out problems before they get out of control. I honestly think it's the only way our children will be able to see the 22nd century.

Have something to say? Want to respond to an editorial? Write in!

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Guest commentary:

Shopping for sanity

Shopping for women's clothing is the penalty for shoplifting in some countries or for cheating on your spouse. Well, not really. I can't back that up, but it may as well be.

Clothing designers seem to have this crazy idea that women are supposed to have round hips, slim waists and perfect 36c chests. The thick-wasted and small-chested just want to run and hide when it comes to going shopping for clothes. Clothes tend to pinch, sag, and stretch in all the wrong places, causing major discomfort mentally and physically.

The designers who design women's clothing are brainless idiots who get satisfaction out of causing other people misery while shopping for clothes. That may seem overly harsh, but that is how I feel after going to a store and trying on some of

the clothes that they poorly designed.

You are psyched all week about the shopping trip that you have planned for Saturday. Saturday finally comes; you arrive at the mall and hurry to your favorite store. You walk through the entrance and it hits you, the aroma of the new spring wardrobe. It smells so good. The candle shop should carry this scent so you can buy it and just sit it on your nightstand, and of course, not burn it, because that would be a huge fire safety no-no.

You rummage through all the racks grabbing your size in all of your favorite garments, and then make a mad dash for the changing rooms, fantasizing about how bootylicious you are going to look in your new clothing.

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SHOPPING (cont.)

You try on the size five you usually fit into, but they are too snug in the hips. So, you try the next size up, which is seven, only to have them be too baggy in the tummy area. An accomplishment is when you can find a pair of jeans that accentuate your body in 8 hours or less.

Trying on women's clothing is the worst. By "the worst," I mean, it defies description; no words known to man can describe it. At first it's exciting; you fall in love with all these new garments. Then, you try them on and they make you feel fat and ugly and if that isn't enough, it shreds your self-esteem into five million pieces.

Picking a size is like playing the lottery. God

only knows what size you are going to fit into that day. You get really upset, and just decide to rock your old jeans for at least another 20 years, just to save yourself the frustration and agony of shopping for new ones.

Clothes are made really funky nowadays. Not that I have lived a remarkably long time, but I heard through the grapevine that back in the "golden days" clothes were plain and simple, and a hell of a lot cheaper. Nowadays, we are forced to fork over a truckload of cash for shirts that are smaller than a washcloth.

Did you know that most plus size models are a size 10? While we're on that topic, what's the deal with the vast majority of plus size clothing looking like sheets and curtains? Just

because a woman is voluptuous and not the stereotypical wet dream doesn't mean that they should be forced to walk around sporting a garbage bag or a dress that makes them look 83. That's just cruel punishment for sporting a few extra pounds. Thank heavens for Lane Bryant who appreciates a curvaceous woman's body.

Wouldn't it be nice if there were a guarantee that two pairs of pants of the same style, labeled with the same number, and sold in the same store would be the same size and fit exactly the same? I think I have a better chance of getting proposed to by Rivers Cuomo (lead singer of the best band ever, Weezer). Hey, it could happen.

-Bobbi Gemberling

Politics and Opinion: Gas guzzling monsters

By CHRISTOPHER SHADLE

Flashlight Writer

I found it very difficult to come up with a topic to speak about for this week's issue, and then it hit me one evening while I was watching television. Within half an hour, I saw nearly 6 different car commercials promoting their new 2003 sport utility vehicles. These gas-guzzling monstrosities are becoming the norm in our society. Now I will concede that these cars are remarkably comfortable and smooth to ride in. However, on average they pollute more, and cause more damage in accidents than do smaller vehicles.

Americans like things big. We like big movies, big burgers, big houses, big cars, big everything. These cars are polluting our environment, and represent the epitome of how gluttonous we as Americans truly are. If one travels to Europe, Asia, or other parts of the world they would see the wastefulness of our society. The best way to view oneself is from the outside. When I was in Russia, my friends could not believe the size of some of the cars coming out of Detroit. And yet the American government has been for several years condemning many of the poorer nations of the world (i.e. Mexico, & Asian nations) for not doing enough to stop air pollution. I think President Bartlet from the NBC television series the West Wing stated it best when he said, "I don't think a nation full of SUVs should be telling a nation full of bicycle riders that they are polluting the world."

You can purchase a very good small car, which gets great gas mileage, and is just as good in snow and off-roading as these sport utility vehicles are. I own a VW Jetta and have taken it in the mountains, on the beach, and have driven it all over in the snow with relatively no problems. And I would also point out that many of the families that own SUVs do not use them for off-roading. I asked five people who own SUVs how many times they have gone off-roading with it, and only one said they had in fact done so. Should these monstrosities be outlawed? That is not for me to say. But maybe next time you purchase a vehicle you will think twice about what is really important to you. Is having a huge vehicle that can climb over a pinto in a heartbeat important, or would you rather be able to breathe good, clean oxygen when you are 75 years old? I'd rather be able to breathe clean, wouldn't you?

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Letter to editor: *A view from inside Iraq*

[Editor's note: The following letter was written earlier this month by an American woman living in Iraq at the time. It was referred to The Flashlight by Elizabeth Williams, circulation director of North Hall Library. Ms. Williams wanted to write a letter expressing her views on the issue of war with Iraq, but felt this letter spoke more clearly and thoughtfully than she could. Enjoy.]

Greetings from Baghdad. It becomes clear so quickly here that the Iraqis are not and cannot prepare for war. They wait for the terror to come as helpless as any people have ever been. They are totally unprepared. They are severely lacking medically and only have food to last three months. They have nowhere to go and if Team Bush does as they have threat-

ened, and Baghdad is "leveled to the ground," they will have murdered five million helpless people. These people are sitting ducks. The US is the biggest military might in the world. The Iraqis are a depleted people, stripped of all economic support and without resources. The word genocide has been raised by some of the humanitarian workers here and as the days pass I see it also. It is the murder of a whole people.

The insidious nature of the sanctions become more and more apparent as we go deeper into the society and see the lives of everyday people. Every person in Baghdad receives rationed food. Iraqi cannot supply its own people under the sanctions. The UN oversees the "Food for Oil" program and people receive rations

papers based on the number of persons in a family.

At one time, the Kurds in the north grew wheat, which was sold throughout Iraq. But with the sanctions, they can no longer sell directly in Iraq. Without a market, they have stopped growing the wheat. An ancient agricultural tradition dies as the fields grow dusty. And a culture begins to wane.

People are beginning to come to us for medicine. A waiter needs cough syrup for his little boy. A woman is waiting for us at the hotel for vitamins for her children. Someone's uncle has pneumonia and needs antibiotics. The waiter has tears streaming down his cheeks and you can see it is humiliating for him to ask.

Today we saw a part of the

food distribution, visited an orphanage and walked in a very poor neighborhood where we were mobbed by children.

Another thing that is becoming clear is the resignation of the people here in Baghdad. They seem to believe that it is inevitable they will be bombed; that war is coming and they will be destroyed. I have come to recognize this kind of sigh when they speak about the coming onslaught. A little shudder. It is difficult for them to talk about the future. Or perhaps it might be better to say "a future."

When they speak of this inevitable war they just hope that somehow, they and their families might survive. They know that within a few weeks they will lose friends; perhaps family. You can see that parents are overly protective of their children. There is this desperation. And you can see that they want to believe that we can somehow help them. "You are Americans, perhaps you can speak to the president and explain that we are no threat"

Today we went to a restaurant high above the city. As we were looking out at the city a young man approached two of us. He wanted to know why Americans wanted to bomb Iraqi people. We tried to explain the oil thing and he kept on asking, with a genuine innocence, "why?" We could tell that he really thought we knew something and could explain it to him. It just did not make sense to him and he really wanted to understand.

It's gotten out that there are these American women in town who are working for Peace. Everywhere we go we get a thumbs up. We flash the peace sign and they flash it back. Sometimes we are treated almost like celebrities, with people coming up in the streets and thanking us. Men in suits, women in chadors, young men and women in jeans with hip haircuts, they all take a moment to thank us. They tell us they know it is not the American

people who want to bomb them. They are completely lacking in hostility. When we say we are from the United States at first there is this surprise and then, immediately a smile.

Last night three of us also met with this totally wonderful group of 43 Spanish actors, dancers and singers. After we had talked a while and described our work here and in the US, one of the reporters with them began to ask us about the American people. Why were they allowing this to happen. How could they tolerate this action by our President? Don't Americas read? How is it possible that Americans would allow their government to commit this horrible atrocity and not take action? Whoa, these were such hard things to describe. And we never did completely satisfy their questions. Maybe we don't fully understand it ourselves.

There are many Europeans here. Members of the European Parliament are here. They are all outraged and radical. They speak of the American "Bully" and in one press conference yesterday the US was described as "arrogant" and "full of itself". It's kinda the way I see it. It's embarrassing when you see the common view Europeans have of people in America.

Every night here as I go to sleep, I cannot help but think of faces of children I have seen that day. I think of them being put to bed by their parents and how it will be if the bombing starts. It is beyond the imagination that these little children are seen as so expendable, "acceptable collateral damage." What kind of monster finds that acceptable. All for oil.

And I cannot help but think of that one young man who looked at me so direct and asked with such urgency, "Please help us."

Good night all. And Peace.

-Sand Brim

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'Gale' keeps crowds guessing

By DAN WINNETT

The Maneater (U. Missouri)

"The Life of David Gale" takes place deep in the heart of Texas where executions receive better ratings than "American Idol." Actor Kevin Spacey plays a highly respected college professor named David Gale, who happens to be the state's leading death penalty abolitionist.

Gale's political views fall under intense scrutiny after authorities charge him with the rape and gruesome murder of a fellow protester named Constance Hallaway (Laura Linney, "The Truman Show"). Police discover Gale's semen inside the victim, which proves to be the only substantial evidence of the case. Consequently, Gale finds himself on death row, while many of his opponents watch with excited anticipation.

Three days prior to his execution, Gale invites a well-known journalist named Elizabeth 'Bitsey' Bloom (Kate Winslet, "Titanic") to interview him over the course of three two-hour sessions. Through a series of flashbacks, Gale proclaims his innocence, while he pleads for her help with

the case.

Initially, Bloom displays no interest in the story because she thinks justice will be served through his death. But, Gale soon convinces her that right-wing death penalty supporters set him up with the intention of undermining his cause. She embarks on a frantic race against time to publicly prove his innocence and save him from lethal injection.

Director Alan Parker plays a clever cat and mouse game by providing the audience with tiny bits of information, while withholding the larger truth behind the story until the very end. This scenario allows for an intensely thrilling movie with unexpected plot twists. Unfortunately, numerous flaws within the script detract from this positive aspect of the film.

First of all, the script places both Spacey and Winslet in situations that fail to complement their respective talents. In other words, at times, their acting appears to be more contrived than realistic.

After Gale loses his job at the university, the film's main focus becomes his increasing alcoholism. During one scene, an inebriated Spacey walks through city streets

while reciting passages from ancient Greek philosophy to those who pass by. Spacey's portrayal of a drunk is so off-base that, at times, I wondered if I was watching a bad remake of "I Am Sam."

During Gale's retelling of the story, Winslet's character makes an unrealistic transformation from skeptic to believer. At first, Bloom is a hard-nosed and unemotional reporter. Then, suddenly, she's bawling over a guy who she has only known for six hours.

Moreover, Parker fills the gaps between scenes with flashing words such as 'hate,' 'crime' and 'murder,' while the camera spins and jerks around, a la MTV's "Cribs." The purpose of this effect is to depict mystery and chaos. Instead, it resembles a poorly-made music video, which parallels its particularly odd and ill-chosen soundtrack.

Ultimately, this film proves to be way too ambitious in regard to its capabilities, and questions concerning capital punishment never get answered. Nonetheless, Parker still creates a decently entertaining thriller that keeps audiences guessing right up until the final scene.

Austin films in Texas

By SARAH WALCH

The Battalion (Texas A&M U.)

The man who played Samwise Gamgee in the blockbuster trilogy "The Lord of the Rings" confirmed Saturday what fans devoted to British author J.R.R. Tolkien's definitive work have known for years: "Tolkien rocks!" Actor and director Sean Astin said Tolkien's character development and epic storytelling is one-of-a-kind.

Astin was in College Station, Texas, to introduce his short film, "The Long and Short of It" as part of the Texas Film Festival last week. The film was shot on a Sunday during the filming of "The Lord of the Rings" in New Zealand. Astin teared up after receiving the film festival's Jury Award for his work on the project in collaboration with other actors from "The Lord of the Rings."

The screening of the short concluded the almost two-hour moderated discussion with an audience of about 200.

Astin responded candidly to questions about all things Middle-Earth in the question and answer session following his commentary on films he acted in including "The Goonies,"

"Encino Man" and "Rudy."

Astin is currently filming in Canada, but made a point to fit the trip to Texas into his busy schedule, he said.

"I made this trip on purpose, to announce a project I have been developing for two or three years," Astin said.

The film will be based on the 1900 Galveston hurricane, the "Storm of 1900," that killed 6,000 Galveston, Texas, residents in the nation's deadliest national disaster. In 2000, novelist Erik Larson brought the legendary storm to life in "Isaac's Storm," a novel that focuses on meteorologist Isaac Monroe Cline, who may have failed to warn Galveston residents to leave town before the hurricane hit. Astin said he has acquired the rights to the novel.

He said he will have a love story interwoven with actual historical events in the picture, similar to what James Cameron's "Titanic." The screenplay has already been acquired, he said.

"Any help you [the audience] can give me will be greatly appreciated," Astin said.

He said he intends to film the project entirely in Texas.

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SIFE business review of the week: Pudgies

By DAVE EMPET

Special to The Flashlight

People usually associate Pudgie's with Pizza and Wings, but they offer so much more. Pudgie's is located right before you enter the little town of Wellsboro in a small plaza. The drive will take no more than 15 minutes from your dorm or apartment.

If you enjoy an atmosphere that is "homey" and one that is enjoyable, then this is the place for you. The employees are friendly and polite, thus the great service. The food is exceptional when compared to the price. Specials are offered daily that include all you can eat spaghetti and meatballs, chicken parmesan, and a half order of lasagna with a trip to the salad bar. These specials are held on Sunday, Saturday, and Thursday, respectively, and are less than \$7.95



each. However, the rest of the week is designated with specials.

If you are 21 or approaching this age, then you should pay close attention. Many people wonder what sets restaurants apart from others, and why they should go there. The reason is simple; Pudgie's sells the biggest selection of 6 and 12 packs in addition to multiple bottles of malt beverages and a fantastic variety of 40's in the entire county.

The prices are extremely competitive, the selection is great, and the service is wonderful. These are all reasons why I suggest for you to take the 15-minute drive out to Wellsboro and pay the good people a visit. Today we live in a world full of guarantees, but I will spare you one here. However, I stress and promise when you drive it will be worth your time, appetite, and your wallet.

If you are interested in SIFE (Students in Free Enterprise) and would like more information contact Jacob Briggs at jacobbriggs@hotmail.com he would be more than willing to answer and questions or concerns that you may have about SIFE. Also, if any readers have any suggestion on what place to visit next email Jacob at the above address.

Gospel Choir gives and receives praise

By RACHEL ADAMS
Flashlight News Editor

True, there's something to be said for a choir with a uniform appearance and meticulous attention to detail. There's also something to be said for a ragtag bunch of students with an out-of-tune piano and a drum set, brought together by one goal: to praise the Lord.

Last Sunday's concert of the Mansfield University Gospel Choir was perhaps the most inspiring concert I've ever been to. As a former music major, I couldn't help noticing that the notes weren't all where they were supposed to be and sometimes the choir forgot the words, but their enthusiasm and passion more than made up for the little mistakes.

One thing that had me amazed was the rowdy unity of the group. If a member had a solo, whether it was in the middle of a song or on its own, the rest of the choir shouted words of encouragement and praise throughout. It's not as distracting as it sounds; rather, it was awesome and heartening to see

how much these students, many of them strangers before they were brought together by the choir, supported each other. The choir prays together before and after each performance, and their dedication and friendship is incredibly apparent.

The songs, all focusing on the Lord's power and grace, were accompanied by a piano and drum set. The choir swayed to each number, joyfully clapping their hands and dancing as the Spirit moved them. There wasn't a set conductor; founding choir members took turns leading their group. There wasn't any sheet music, either: the entire sixty-minute concert was completely memorized.

The concert passed in a frenzy of applause and praise, ending with a jubilant finale more powerful than anything I've ever heard come out of Butler Music Center. I was brought to tears more than once, and left with the thought that music doesn't have to be perfect to be appreciated. All it needs to be is from the heart, and trust me, the Gospel Choir has that down pat.



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The Flashlight will not be publishing next week due to spring break. The next issue will be published wednesday, March 12. Have a fun and safe break!

RadioVertigo: Weekly WNTÉ review

By LOREN CARPENTER
Flashlight Writer

Hey yo...what's happenin' Mansfield? Well this is "The Psycho" back with ya once again, reviewing the latest happenings on 89.5, your campus radio station. Sorry for the long hold on the column to all those who had been waiting patiently, I sincerely apologize. There was bit of miscommunication between myself and The Flashlight, but I was sure trying to get this column out to you! Well, A LOT has been happening so let's get right to the reviews...

Last Wednesday night, yours truly had the occasion of being in the studio with WNTÉ Music Director and the official "King of Punk" Mike Peters and Rich Stankiewicz for "The Dick and Peters Show," from midnight to 2 a.m. As I sat there in the studio reminiscing with the boys about music's glory days we heard some Green Day, Dashboard Confessional, and "The Perfect Crime" by Faith No More from the Bill and Ted's Bogus Journey movie...great flick by the way!!! And for FNM fans, a new greatest hits compilation was just released a little while ago, featuring 19 of their best album cuts and rarities. In the second hour, as Rich slaved away churning out tune after tune while Mike and I shot the breeze, we heard some Red Hot Chili Peppers, a band called Ours with "Sometimes" Radiohead, and I lucked out again with FNM's greatest song of all time, the title track from their masterpiece album, "King For A Day." I am always proud to be one of their few listeners at that late hour, but all you alternative and punk fans should really check these guys out. They work too hard and have too great a passion for music to not reap the benefits of a few more hardcore listeners.

My favorite show these days hit

the airwaves around midnight on Thursday night with Nick Morales' twisted and perverted brainchild, "The Climax." In the last couple of weeks alone it has quickly garnered a cult following rivaling only that of The Sycho Sylum's. Yes, indeed, it was their now notorious "Orgasm Show" that put this little outfit on the map, as myself and many other horny yaks got in line to break out their best hoots, hollers, squeals(pig man), yelps, and screams for when it was go time. I still thought mine was the best as one of my freaks and I went buck-wild in the parking lot of "Partners in Progress," excuse the pun. The 2nd Annual "Moan-Off" was held recently though. Yours truly was determined as ever to get the win this time, so I enlisted the help of a couple of my best freaks, Anne and Marie. These two dynamos and I gave the audience a taste of something "genuine," and we destroyed the competition to take first place and the \$20 pot. Pig Boy gave it his best, good enough for second in my book. A couple of weeks ago Morales had Pete Nebzydoski, Andre Bennett, Dan, and "Hot" Paul Culbertson down in the lair with him. They attempted to auction off Andre, and I think somebody was able to pull 32 cents out of their pocket and win his humble services.

On Sunday nights from 8-10 p.m., Renata Stiehl grabs the reigns and brings some rad tunes on her show, "In Other Words." Recently, she kicked things off with a cool song called "Drag City" by The Mofo's. Then she was joined by The Flashlight's own, "The Couch Critic" Joel Lee and his sidekick Pat Radice as the show's "honorary DJs" for the evening (they have their own show now). They made the official announcement of the band they are forming, which will be called "Cocaine in Colombia." Catchy name, eh? Speaking of new

bands, I know of a great new band that has just risen up from the bowels of nothingness and should be playing pretty soon here on campus. They are called "Hot Lunch" and are fronted by two wacky rock and roll pioneers, Marty and Cody. I've heard them play a little bit, especially Marty, and their stuff is off the charts. Anyway, I'm babbling, so back to the show. Renata also played some Hot Rod Circuit and Highland Drive, but let the honorary DJs close with some pathetic Foreigner tune...that band should have just done everyone here a favor and stayed foreign.

Lastly, we come to the latest and greatest in radio entertainment, "The Sycho Sylum." The brand extension that TSS Entertainment has undergone is in full swing now, and after a rocky start, is forging ahead into new and uncharted waters in its continued mission of "crash radio." Recently, in the second installment of "Saturday Night Heel," we had the guitar prodigy, Marty Van Halen down in the studio for a little live pickin' and he even sent out a lil' Beatles to Wheels, to prove a point that he can play anything Wheels asks him to. Wednesday we heard the second installment of, "TSS: FACE IS ECAF," THE Wednesday show for all the brave heroes and good guys of the world. I, the "OP," was joined in the studio by some new members to the TSS family with the debut of some good cronies of mine, Steve and Marty's personal security guard, Hoyt. We also heard from Wheels as he let the world know that the United States of America would become a much "higher" society if he were ever elected president. Be sure to tune into today at 4 p.m. for more crazy insanity that could only be heard down in the "Sylum."

Thanks for reading, and as always, tune into 89.5 WNTÉ...THE GIANT!

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Random Ramblings

By RACHEL ADAMS ☆
& COREY MEOLA ☆
Flashlight News Editor and
Flashlight Writer

☆ I don't understand all this brouhaha about T.A.T.U. and the fact that they're lesbians. Who gives a flying fig if they kiss in their new video? It's nothing any of us have never done under the influence of alcohol. Right, Corey?

☞ Right.

☆ Whatever you're doing and wherever you are, drop everything and go over to the bathrooms in lower Manser. Now press the lever on the soap thingy. Doesn't that ROCK? I washed my hands like twelve times in there the other day.

☞ Commercial Rant of the Week: That McDonalds commercial with the stupid woman who gets all excited when the guy tries to suggestively sell her a fruit and yogurt parfait for a dollar. Who asks for balloons and confetti in McDonalds? Who gets excited over McDonalds food period? I used to work for McDonalds and I can safely say that it's not worth it and that woman seriously needs to get a life.

☆ I'm watching this show "Fanography" on MTV, and let me tell you...it sucks. It's Eminem's fans talking all about his life and music. This one guy's name is Deep, and there's a girl named Butter who's applying eight layers of skanky makeup while she's talking, and they're saying stuff like,

"Eminem and Kim need each other. She was there for him before he got famous." Yeah. I'm going to change the channel now.

☞ So I had to go home last week for a funeral, and on the way home my patience was seriously tried by this stupid truck driver. My road rage was seriously showing. He kept passing me and then slowing down so I would pass him. Normally this wouldn't really bother me, but the snow was starting to melt and his tires kept kicking dirty water up on my windshield and then I ran out of washer fluid. Because of him, I had to make half my drive home looking through the dirt stripes on my windshield. I think I need to hunt him down now.

Today in History

www.coolquiz.com/trivia/

1990 - The Soviet Union agreed to withdraw all of its 73,500 troops from Czechoslovakia by July 1991.

1991 - "Rockline on MTV" premiered with host, Martha Quinn, giving viewers a chance to talk to the stars. The first guest was MC Hammer.

1993 - Six people were killed and over a thousand people were injured in New York City, when a van loaded with a 1,210-pound bomb exploded in the World Trade Center's parking garage. The explosion left a crater, 200 feet wide, causing over 591 million dollars in damage. Dr. Sheik Omar Abdul Rahman and fourteen of his followers were accused of the bombing. Rahman is serving a life sentence in a United States prison.

1994 - Sworn enemies of Russian President Boris Yeltsin walked free from jail under a parliamentary amnesty. They included former Vice President Alexander Rutskoi, and the ex-chairman of the disbanded parliament, Ruslan Khasbulatov.

1995 - The London finance house of Barings collapsed after huge losses run up in Singapore by trader Nick Leeson.

1997 - The Swiss government gave final approval to a Holocaust memorial fund.

GEEKculture

By TODD BAILEY
Flashlight Writer

• I must begin with last night's WWE: No Way Out pay per view. Stone Cold Steve Austin made his "much needed" return to battle the always evil Eric Bischoff. What a massacre that was...4 stunners! Raw and Smackdown should be worth taking a peek with such a strong pay per view. I must say that I was actually entertained by the Undertaker/Big Show match...very strong ending for that one, possibly match of the evening. Now to the big stuff...Rock/Hogan II. What a match. I loved every second of it, even the (expected) controversial close of the match! Good times, noodle salad!

• I hope that none of my GEEKlets spent the 55 bucks to watch the rigged Tyson fight. What a disappointing bout...and what's with Mike's new tattoo? Sad thing is (and I admit it) that I actually wanted to watch the fight...I know, my head is hung in shame.

• The GEEK usually doesn't discuss music much but I have to mention this. I was up at the wee hours of the AM and happened to turn MTV on and found Billy Corgan's new band. Man, can he get any weirder? And I had a revelation...if you remove the "C" from Billy's name, it reads "organ!" (in Butt-head's laugh) Huh huh huh huh huh. The sound isn't bad though, check it out.

• *Daredevil* is still holding down the box office with this week's take tallied at \$18.9 million, \$70.3 million since its open.

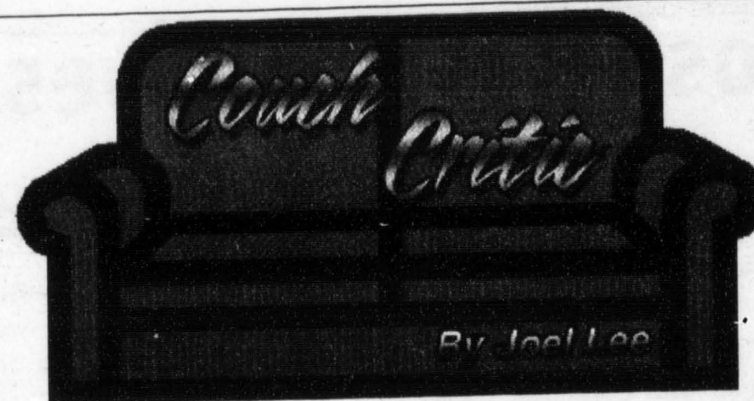
• It's been rumored the Potter 3, *Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban*, will hit theaters in the summer of 2004.

• Sony Pictures reported that Alfred Molina has landed the role of Doc Ock in the Spidey sequel. Molina was most recently seen opposite Salma Hayek in *Frida* as Mexican painter Diego Rivera.

GEEK's Special random quote of the week:
"All right, I'm out like the fat kid in dodge ball...gotta start laying out this biznatch."

-Rachel "Roommate" Adams

In the GEEKlight: 48 Hours



★ Two bands that will be new to you, but aren't really new, but are still really hip so you should listen to them because they rock harder than anyone in the Flintstones: The Sights and The Catheters. The Sights are from Detroit, 'nuff said. The Catheters on are Sub Pop, 'nuff said. Everyone get your rockandroll on.

★ Yeah, I was on Kerrang! Magazine's website and they had this contest where you could meet Mudvayne and be their roadie for a day. I'm pretty sure that the contest was called "Joel's Personal Day In Hell."

★ Oh, for all of you freaks that want attention and then pretend that you don't want attention when people make fun of you, (I will tell you freaks, though, that I think many of the meatheads that mock you should be covered in horse manure like Biff in all the Back to the Future movies) Marilyn Manson is releasing a new album. I have yet to figure out why. And he's changed his look again because with every album his gimmick runs out so he has to create a new one so people will fear him or whatever he thinks he's doing. Yeah, so anyway, it's going to be more of that crap he's released in the past, but this time he looks like he's from the 1930s and is into cabaret or something. Woo.

★ I was hoping there was some Slipknot news so I could pull off a tri-fecta of horrible music done by people that need kicked really hard, but unfortunately, they're still making horrible music with their side projects. Really, if there wasn't a Slipknot, I'd have to say Stone Sour might be the worst band ever. Actually, that's not giving I.C.P. and Mindless Self Indulgence enough credit; they work really hard at being the worst band ever.

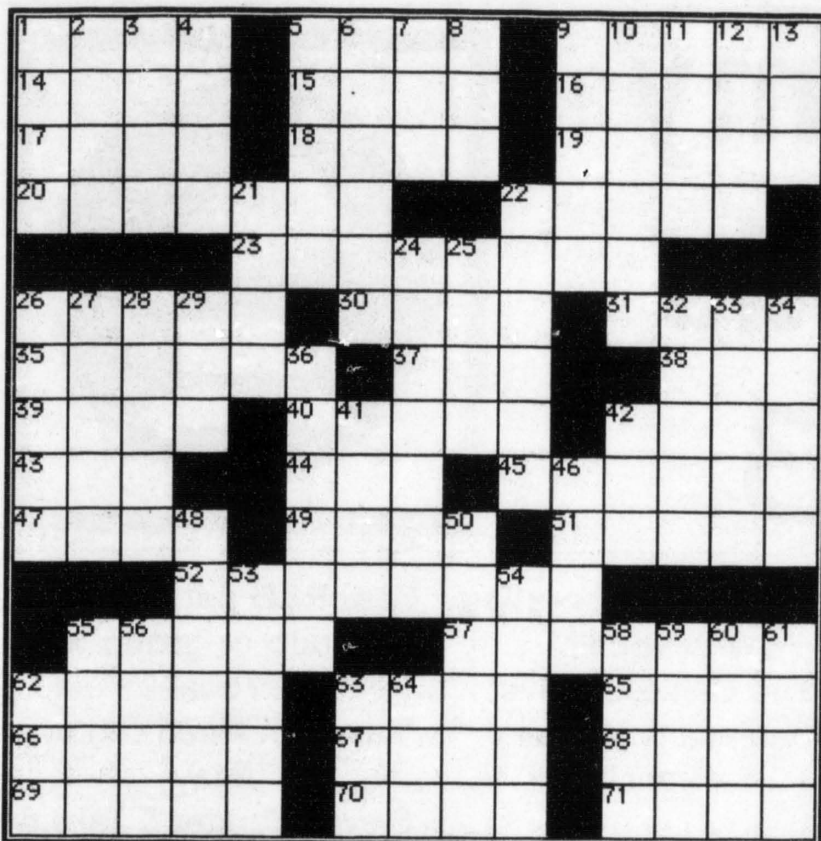
★ I watched the movie American Psycho for like the third time on USA over the weekend. His voice still annoys, and I still haven't figured out what the hell happened. Plus, the great TV-editing stuff really adds to the film. Really. I swear.

★ That movie was a book originally, for you nerds' information.

★ Hey, all you wannabe writers, you will only have a couple of days after this goes to print to submit your stuff to Edge City (Mu Xi) and to Synapse (Philosophy Club) so do that, brag to your friends that you're a published writer, and make your parents so very proud of you.

★ You badass punk rockers should read the comic strip Nothing Nice To Say at www.nothingnice.com because it will show you that you take yourselves too seriously and that you should probably chill out before you annoy the whole world.

**Flashlight meeting tonight at 5
p.m. in room 301 Alumni Hall.
Be there!**



- Across
- 1 Asian hardwood tree
 - 5 What one ties in a rope
 - 9 Mote
 - 14 Wait with the engine running
 - 15 Unclothed
 - 16 Kelp
 - 17 Heap
 - 18 Liquid excretion compound
 - 19 Daffy
 - 20 Hair dressers
 - 22 Extinguish a fire
 - 23 Bestowing a favor
 - 26 Cancel
 - 30 Type of party attended by men only
 - 31 Had in the past
 - 35 Excessively prim
 - 37 Dolly, for example
 - 38 The ___ of Pooh

- 39 Fail to win
 - 40 Makes the first bet
 - 42 Ninth letter of the Greek alphabet
 - 43 Well contents
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 - 45 Game played with love
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 - 49 Green leafy vegetable with a loosely wrapped head
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 - 52 Saturdays and Sundays
 - 55 Tuck, for one
 - 57 Trips
 - 62 Sounds of displeasure
 - 63 That which ladies pluck
 - 65 The last Jedi
 - 66 Go along with
 - 67 Lines with one end, in mathematics
 - 68 Neighborhood
 - 69 Ones who color cloth
 - 70 Church nook
 - 71 Slang for beer
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- 1 Gratuities
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 - 3 Formal friend
 - 4 Bottom of a boat
 - 5 Knob
 - 6 Doctors' helpers
 - 7 Fancy poem
 - 8 Boston party beverage

- 9 Drawing room
- 10 Farm implement for turning the earth
- 11 Alter ____ (Other personalities)
- 12 Sugar source
- 13 Florida destination
- 21 Recedes, as the tide
- 22 What ones stomach does to food
- 24 Church topper
- 25 Cut at the lumber mill
- 26 Banana ice cream treat
- 27 Hag
- 28 Dangers
- 29 Employ
- 32 Compensate for a sin
- 33 Expensive sheet material
- 34 Cooked bread
- 36 New ____, someone from the Big Apple
- 41 Top of a mountain
- 42 Fancy hotel
- 46 Not difficult
- 48 One who makes thin rope
- 50 Ambassadors
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- 62 Insane
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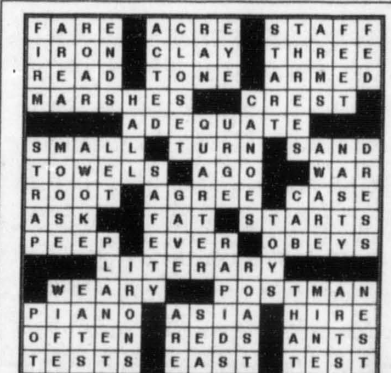
By Dan Mason
Flashlight Advisor

CROSSWORD CONTEST!!!!

Submit completed crosswords to the Flashlight Office (2M Alumni Hall) by the following Monday after publication. A random drawing will be held each week, and the winner will receive a \$5 gift certificate to the bookstore.

Congratulations to last week's winner
Chris Hake!

Last Week's Solution



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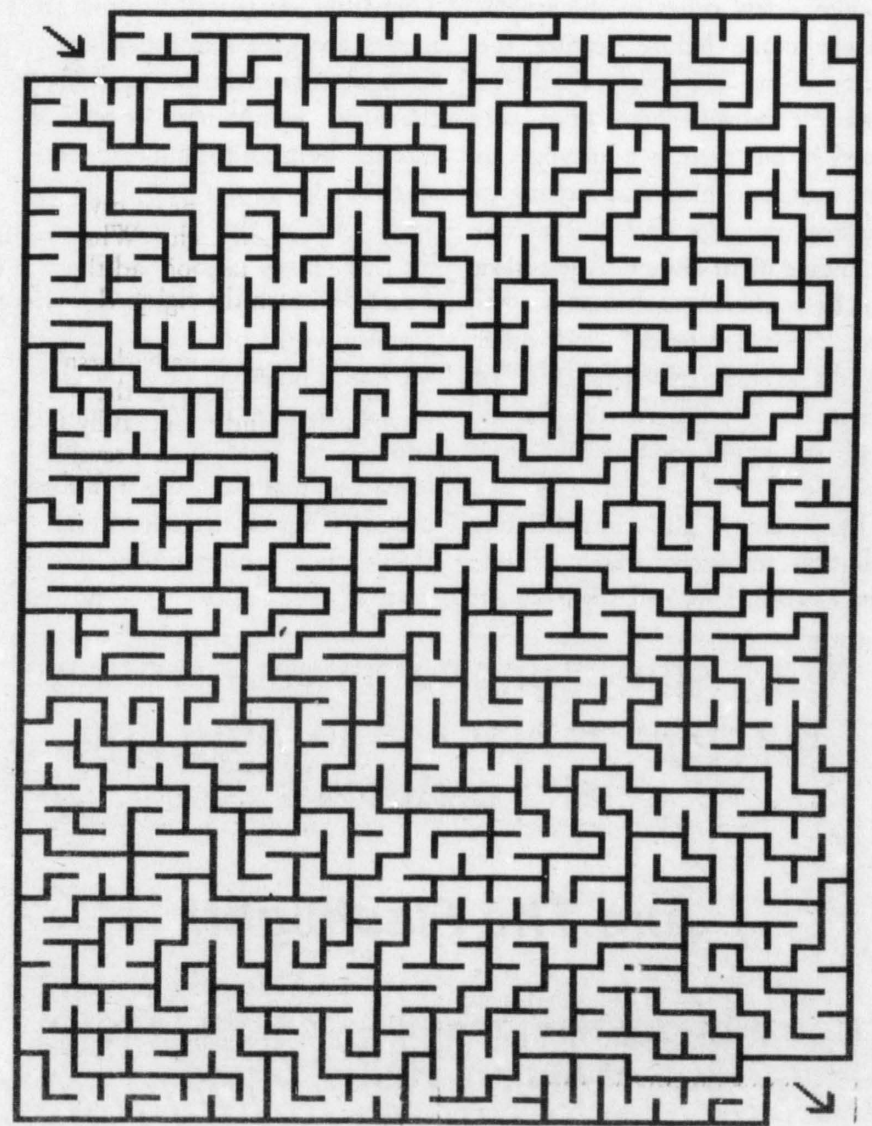
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By STEVE JANOSKI



Video game review:

War of the Monsters

By ANDRE BENNETT

Flashlight Writer

"War of the Monsters" for PlayStation 2 is Sony's attempt to revitalize the giant monster battle genre of video games, and thereby one-up the recent "Godzilla: Destroy All Monsters" Melee for Nintendo's Gamecube. This comes as great news to me, as I've been looking for an awesome monster battle game since "King of the Monsters" for the Neo-Geo, Super Nintendo, and Sega Genesis. While it is definitely an entertaining game, I don't know if it saves the genre. The story--such as it is--sees aliens invading Earth, only to be defeated by the Earthlings. Hundreds of crippled alien attack saucers crash upon Earth's surface, leaking their radioactive fuel into oceans and sewers and contaminating the air as well. Within the week, giant monsters appear, beating the life out of each other and causing billions in property damage while doing so. You get to take one of the monsters and wage war against the others. You'll probably get your butt kicked a few times in the single-player mode before getting the hang of it. The control scheme isn't terribly hard once you learn it, but there is a lot you can do, from punching and kicking to picking up cars and trucks and throwing them around. Aside from the basic attacks, each monster has two "special attacks," and other moves as well. It becomes a lot more fun the longer you play it, and thankfully, doesn't grow boring. There are eight immediately playable monsters, which include the Godzilla knockoff Toger, giant

gorilla Congar, and super robots Robo-47 and Ultra-V. Two more are available after you unlock them. I'd tell you about them, but I haven't unlocked them yet. There are also mini-games and additional levels and costumes to unlock as well, provided you earn the "battle tokens" in single-player mode. Two-player fighting is a lot of fun as well. It starts out in split-screen, then merges together when the two monsters get up close and personal. You can also add up to two additional computer-controlled monsters to join the fray. However, this just leads into my first complaint: why not include a four-player fighting mode? It would be a lot more fun battling against two actual people than against the computer just not on a small TV. Secondly, I really wish the developers had placed a little more emphasis on destroying things, and not just beating the hell out of your opponents. This isn't to say you can't destroy things. In fact, I'm hard pressed to think of anything you can't blow up or smash to pieces in this game. The fully destructible environments are great, but perhaps if we had more incentive to destroy them, we would have at it, just like in the grand-daddy of monster battle games, "Rampage." Still, "War of the Monsters" is a lot of fun, and while I don't see it lighting the gaming world on fire enough to warrant a boatload of other giant monster games, it's definitely enough to hold me over until someone finally releases a follow-up to "King of the Monsters." I think then, the gaming world would take notice.

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Grammy Awards 2003



Song of the year
"Don't Know Why"
Norah Jones

Album of the year
"Don't Know Why"
Jesse Harris, songwriter
(Norah Jones)

Best new artist
Norah Jones

Best male pop vocal performance
"Your Body Is A Wonderland"
John Mayer

Best female vocal performance
"Don't Know Why"
Norah Jones

Best pop performance by a duo or group with vocal
"Hey Baby"
No Doubt

Best pop collaboration with vocals
"The Game Of Love"
Santana & Michelle Branch

Best female rock vocal performance
"Steve McQueen"
Sheryl Crow

Best male rock vocal performance
"The Rising"
Bruce Springsteen

Best rock performance by a duo or group with vocal
In My Place
Coldplay

Best hard rock performance
"All My Life"
Foo Fighters

Best metal performance
"Here to Stay"
Korn

Best rock song
The Rising
Bruce Springsteen

Best rock album
The Rising
Bruce Springsteen

Best male R&B vocal performance
"You Don't Have To Call"
Usher

Best R&B performance by a duo or group with vocal
"Love's In Need Of Love Today"
Stevie Wonder & Take 6

Best urban/alternative performance
"Little Things"
India.Arie

Best female rap solo performance
"Scream a.k.a. Itchin'"
Missy Elliott

Best male rap solo performance
"Hot in Herre"
Nelly

Best rap performance by a duo or group
"The Whole World"
Outkast

Best rap album
The Eminem show
Eminem



Mountie track team ready to invade East Stroudsburg

BY JENNIFER A. NELSON

Flashlight Sports Co-Editor

For the first time in several seasons, Mansfield indoor track and field is sending a record of 24 athletes to the PSAC Indoor Championship at East Stroudsburg University on March 1 and 2.

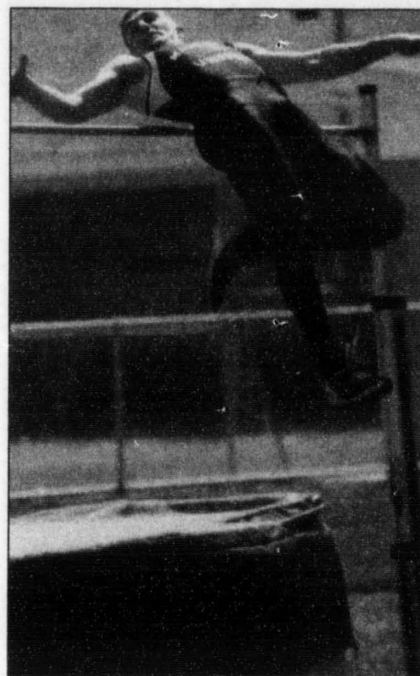
After swimming in the PSAC championship this past weekend, Charity Learn went to the Deneault Invitational at Cornell on Feb. 22. Learn broke the school indoor mile mark with a time of 5:12.16. Earlier this season, Theresa Stanford set the record at 5:39.07.

However, Charity would not stop there. She helped the 3200-meter relay team place second at the Deneault Invitational. The relay team also includes Kim Short, Theresa Stanford and Steph Caldwell.

On the men's side, the 3200-meter relay team of Richard Correll, Luke Walker, Josh Wooten and Jeremy Bochert ran a time of 5:39.07 to tie the school record. Wooten also came in third place during his event, the 1000 meter run. His time was 2:35.58

One of the most impressive performances for the men was that of Jay Blozousky. He broke the school record in the pentathlon event with 3165 total points. Lamar Crawford held the previous record in 2001. Crawford's total points in this event were 3220. Blozousky also high jumped to third place with a height of 6-3.

Bryan Taylor was the second place finisher in the pentathlon event with 2465 points. Taylor also qualified for the PSAC championship for this event.



Sports Information

Jay Blozousky broke the school record in the pentathlon event with 3165 total points at the Deneault Invitational on Saturday.

PSAC SHORTS

Men's Basketball - the following teams clinched playoff berth in PSAC competition for the East and West: *Millersville, West Chester, Kutztown (East) and California, Clarion, and Edinboro (West).*

Women's Basketball - The *California* women's basketball team keeps on rolling towards a berth in the national tournament. The Vulcans dominated Shippensburg in every aspect of the game as they cruised to an 86-53 victory on Saturday night.

Senior Tracy Kling scored 14 points all in the first half as the *West Chester University* women's basketball team defeated crosstown rival Cheyney University 75-58 on Saturday afternoon.

Swimming - The *West Chester University* men's and women's teams swept the 2003 PSAC championships for the third straight year on Saturday. This is the men's fifth consecutive crown and 16th overall title. This also marks the women's third straight championship and third all-time title.

Indoor Track and Field - Doug Springer broke the men's pole vault record to highlight the *East Stroudsburg* effort at the Bears Den Indoor Track & Field Invitational at Kutztown University Friday night. Springer vaulted 15-5 to capture first in the event and shatter the old Warriors record.

Baseball - The *Bloomsburg University* baseball team won the Apprentice School Tournament Sunday afternoon with a 9-4 win over Kutztown University.

~ Editor's Picks *~*

WHAT'S HOT

JENNIFER A. NELSON



WHAT'S NOT

GREGORY PELLEGRINO

Mountie Baseball

(Baseball is my favorite sport and these guys are good)

Tracy McGrady

(They're just hot...if my feet were big enough, I'd wear them.)

The Rally Monkey

(I've learned to love him during the off-season)

Kelly Mazzante

(I know her cousin! She is really good though.)

PSAC

Basketball Shoes

Major League Baseball

Women's College Basketball

East Stroudsburg Basketball

(They're probably going through a rebuilding year, but yet again so are the Denver Nuggets.)

Yao Ming

(Have you seen these things?)

New York Mets batting practice jerseys

(They look like pumpkins, especially Mo Vaughn. Go back to the old school '86 style)

Talks about UCONN ending win streak

(It's not happening this season. The Italian connection of Diana Taurasi and Geno Auriemma will lead the way for the Huskies.)

Mountie swimming season comes to end at PSAC's

By MICHAEL PETERS
Flashlight Sports Writer

Andrea Popovic and Katie Houck were selected to represent Mansfield University at West Chester University during the 2003 PSAC Swimming Championship on Feb. 20-22.

The PSAC Swimming Championship is a conference meet held annually at the end of each season. This is the final meet before the NCAA Division Two Nationals.

Andrea Popovic, a freshman business management major from Yugoslavia and junior swimming standout Katie Houck were the only two swimmers from Mansfield to be selected to the PSAC's.

Popovic was third in the 200-meter freestyle with a time of 2:03.83 while Houck finished fourth at 2:04.25 at the East Stroudsburg Qualifying Invitational on Saturday, Feb. 8.

Popovic, who was participating in the most important meet in her young American career, had tremendous success during this meet. She swam with success in both the 500 and 1650-meter freestyle races. Popovic set a personal best in the 500-meter freestyle, swimming it in 5:27 minutes. She also set a school record in the 1650-meter freestyle by completing the race in 19:08 minutes.

Popovic was impressed with the PSACs. "I loved the atmosphere of this meet," Popovic said. "It was unlike any other meet this season."

Houck was just as successful as Popovic was in her two events. Houck swam in both the 50 and 100-meter freestyles. She set a per-



Katie Houck swam in both the 50 and 100-meter freestyles during the PSAC Championships.

sonal record in the 100-meter freestyle with a time of 55:95 seconds and swam the 50-meter race in 26:23 seconds.

Three other swimmers from the Mansfield team came to West Chester for the PSAC relays. Freshmen Miranda Maikner, Charity Learn and Kelsey Hogan joined Popovic and Houck and helped the Mountaineers finish in 12th place in the 800-yard relay freestyle.

Unfortunately for the Mountaineers, this was their final chance to show their stuff in competition this season. Mansfield University finished last in the PSACs with only three victories.

Freshman freestyle and breast stroke specialist Melissa Recchuiti came away from the losing season with a positive attitude.

"Losing is a disappointment, but if we all try our best, we have succeeded," Recchuiti said.

According to Recchuiti, there should be continuous improvement in the next few seasons.

"About half of our team are freshmen this year, so there is plenty of time to get better," Recchuiti said. "With next year's guidance of our captain Katie Houck, we should be a lot more competitive."

Popovic has many memories of her first season at Mansfield University, but none greater than her teammates. "We're really close friends, almost like a family," Popovic said.

There were many times during the season where the Mansfield swimmers were penalized for not having enough swimmers to rotate through each event. Popovic feels that increasing the amount of members of the team will be its greatest chance for improvement. "We need more swimmers," Popovic said.

Mounties get by Huskies 71-70 in PSAC East matchup

By SARAH STOERMER
Flashlight Sports Writer

The Mountaineers cut it close with Bloomsburg on Wednesday, Feb. 19 at Nelson Field House, defeating Bloomsburg 71-70, led by Ian Connor.

This puts the Mounties back into the play off hunt.

The first half of the game dragged by and at half time Bloomsburg was ahead, 42-34.

Ian Connor raised hopes for Mansfield fans when he hit a lay up to tie the game at 60 with only eight minutes left to play in the second half.

Bloomsburg rallied to regain the lead with 2:30 remaining on the clock, 68-65.

Mansfield wasn't giving in that easy. Connor pulled through for the

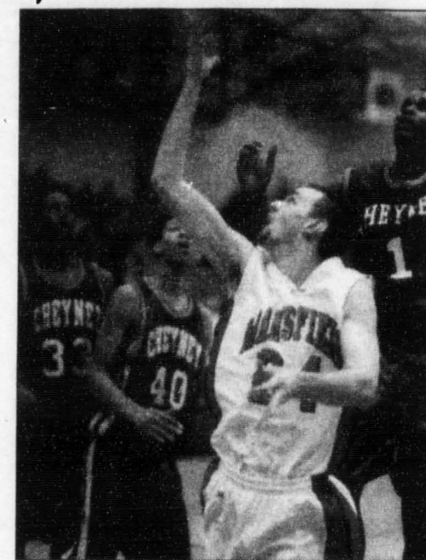
The Mountaineers scored an inside shot that brought Mansfield within one point.

Longpre' surprised Bloomsburg by sinking a shot only one minute later that put the Mountaineers up by one.

Caught up in the spirit of the game, Jeremy Frey nabbed a lay up with less than a minute of play remaining.

Ryan Luckman of Bloomsburg sunk a pair of free throws to bring Bloomsburg to within one point of the Mountaineers.

Adam Bohman of Bloomsburg missed two free throws. Bloomsburg took the final shot of the game missing as the buzzer sounded. Mansfield went on to win a key PSAC East con-



LONGPRE'

test.

Longpre' and Connor both scored 18 points for Mansfield.

Adam Bohman led Bloomsburg hitting the game high of an impressive 27 points.

The game was plagued by fouls. Bloomsburg had two technical fouls, and Bloomsburg head coach Rich Mills was ejected in the first half. Mansfield was called on 30 personal fouls.

Bloomsburg shot 39 free throws over the entire contest, sinking 20 of 26 before intermission.

The win over Bloomsburg ended a three game losing streak that has been holding back the Mountaineers who improved to 15-10 overall and 4-6 in the PSAC East.

Mansfield is fourth place in the PSAC contest. Their fourth place position takes the Mountaineers into the playoffs.



Andrea Popovic swam in both the 500 and 1650-meter freestyle races.

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Men's Basketball	East Stroudsburg 8 p.m.			West Chester 3 p.m.			
Women's Basketball	East Stroudsburg 6 p.m.			West Chester 1 p.m.			

Mansfield falls in OT thriller

By GREGORY PELLEGRINO
Flashlight Sports Co-Editor

With the thoughts of playoffs lingering in their heads, the Mansfield University women's basketball team traveled to Bloomsburg this past week to take on the Huskies.

Both teams looked to keep their playoff chances alive as they entered Nelson Fieldhouse on the campus of Bloomsburg University.

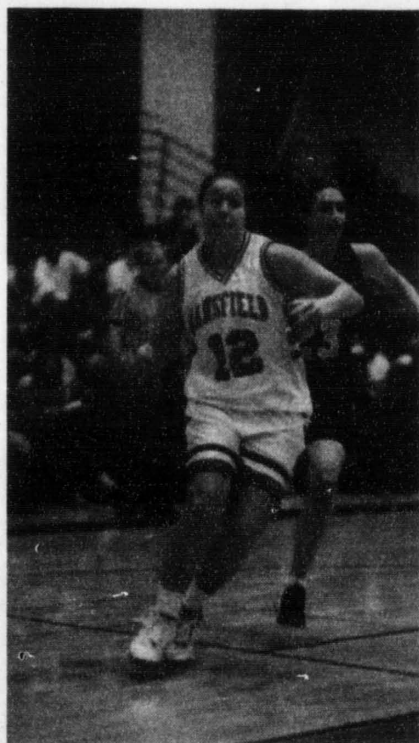
The first half of play the game stayed rather close as the Mounties led by six points early.

The Huskies took over the lead 29-21 with just over six minutes to play in the half. Mansfield ended the first half on a 19-11 run to tie the game at 40 going into halftime.

The second half was just as dramatic as the first. Bloomsburg jumped out to a 56-50 lead eight minutes into the second half.

The Mounties went on a small run to tie the game at 58 on a free throw by sophomore Stephanie Rieser who finished the game with 15 points.

The Huskies would again retake the lead, this time going up 74-69 with 2:48 remaining in regulation, but Mansfield came



Sports Information
Junior Jessica Pfeiffer scored 19 points in the Mounties 94-88 overtime loss to Bloomsburg on Feb. 19.

back yet again, on a lay-up by junior Jessica Pfeiffer.

Bloomsburg would again take back the lead when Michelle Albanese hit a pair of free throws, but moments later Pfeiffer hit a three-pointer to give Mansfield a 78-76 lead.

The Mounties would increase the lead to three when junior Rachel Rieder converted on a free throw with :23 seconds to play.

The Huskies' Dana Thompson then came down the court and made a lay up to cut the deficit to one, 79-78, with 15 seconds left.

Senior Allyson Buss was fouled and made both free throws to give what appeared to be a safe three point lead, 81-78.

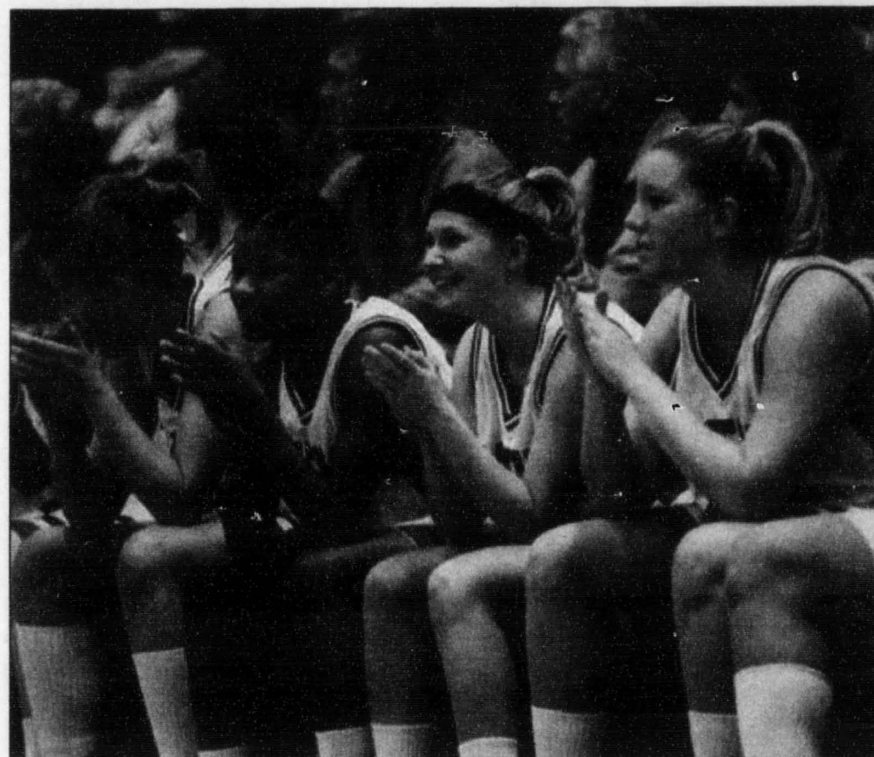
Bloomsburg's Albanese then dribbled down the court and came off a screen to hit a game tying three point shot which sent the game to overtime.

In overtime the Mounties fell behind early, but tied the game at 84 on a free throw by senior Lynelle Mosley.

However, the Mounties were unable to control Bloomsburg's Albanese, who scored the Huskies first six points and a total of 10 in the overtime period.

Mansfield came within one when Reiser hit a three-pointer with under two minutes to play. That is as close as the Mounties would get as Bloomsburg connected on five of six free throws to ice the game for a 94-88 victory.

"Definitely took it to heart, especially going back and forth like the way it did," said sophomore Maura Gibbons. "Makes



Sports Information
The Mounties need some extra help in order to make the playoffs. They play host to East Stroudsburg tonight.

us ready to build up and bounce back for our next two games."

For the Mounties all five starters finished in double figures with Mosley scoring 21 along with seven steals. Pfeiffer finished with 19 as Buss, Reiser, and Rieder each scoring 15.

With the lose the Mounties two game winning streak came to an end and fell to a 4-6 record in the PSAC East standings.

The Mounties are now two games behind Kutztown for the

final spot in the PSAC East playoffs.

Mansfield, with just two games remaining can make the playoffs by winning out, while Kutztown needs to drop their remaining two games.

Both teams play 6 p.m. tonight as the Mounties play host to the Warriors of East Stroudsburg at Decker Gym. The Huskies will travel to West Chester to take on the Golden Rams.

Golden Bears open with 3-0 record

BY JENNIFER A. NELSON
Flashlight Sports Co-Editor

Kutztown baseball saw a golden 2002 season as they advanced to the PSAC championship winning a second consecutive regional title that led them to Montgomery, Ala. for the College World Series.

This year, the Bears are back under new head coach Chris Blum. Kutztown also has to strengthen their pitching staff as standout Glen Woolard was drafted. Dennis Smeding, All-Region outfielder is off the roster as well. However, the Golden Bears are returning a few of their key players.

First-team All-PSAC shortstop Al Fitch is back for his senior year. Last season, he averaged .330 with 39 RBI. He may set six school records for Kutztown including runs scored and hits. Mark Samsell and Dave Devereux will see time at first base. Devereux, a sophomore, batted .384 with 16 doubles and 24 RBI. Greg Rada will be positioned at second base. In 2002, he played 51 total games. Either Tony Riegel or Gary Strickler will occupy third base.

The Golden Bears are returning three catchers - Clay Kuklick, John Yearsley, and Gary Canuso. Kuklick will most likely see the most starting

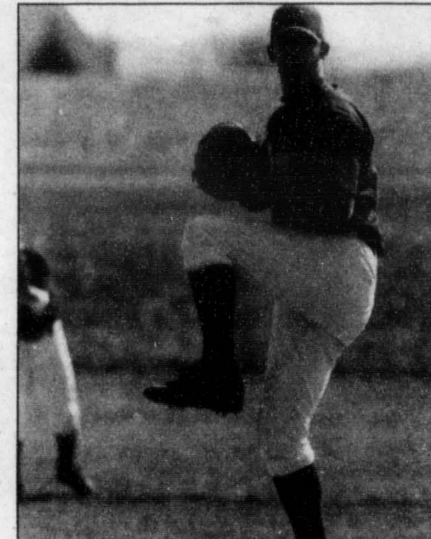
time. Yearsley will play a key role to end double headers for the Bears.

Joe Bosack will lead the outfield efforts again this season. He led Kutztown in runs with 62 and stolen base attempts with 27 of 32. Scott Senna and Paul Korophcak are also backing up the outfield. Senna and Korophcak have been an important offensive and defensive part of the Bears.

The pitching staff returns Matt Haverly, Paul Garber, and Rob McCuen. Last season, Garber went 10-3 with a 2.99 earned run average with 78 strikeouts as a freshman. He was the PSAC East Rookie of the

Year and first pick for the All-Conference team. Garber is expected to take over for Woolard this season. McCuen won the regional championship game for Kutztown last season. He had seven saves with 55 strikeouts over 66 innings in 26 appearances. McCuen's ERA was 3.82. Other rotation and relief pitchers include Kevin Langan, Kyle Sadlowski, Aaron Fries, Eric Mills, and Marshall Mirarchi.

As conference play gets underway, the Kutztown Golden Bears seek out another NCAA Division II playoff opportunity. The Bears' next game is Feb. 28 against Columbia Union.



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They're baaaaaack!!

By GREGORY PELLEGRINO

Flashlight Sports Co-Editor

Snow may still be falling and the temperatures are definitely not spring like just yet, but things are heating up down at Lutes Field on the campus of Mansfield University.

The 2002 Mansfield softball team finished fourth in what could be described as a very competitive PSAC East division. The Mounties finished with an overall record of 19-21 and at a .500 record in the PSAC East with a 12-12 record.

Despite losing three four-year starters in the likes of Sarah Betke, Kristy Lewis and Lindsay Dempsey, head coach Edith Gallagher's 2003 team is well intact. With 11 players coming back who saw considerable playing time last year and the addition of eight new players to an already talented team, the Mounties look ready to battle the teams of the PSAC East.

"Quite frankly the freshman are really good, said sophomore Allison Tagliaferri. "We have a different attitude this season. We're there to



Sports Information

Allison Tagliaferri led the team with a .319 batting average last season.

win, just not to be mediocre."

The Mounties' pitching staff looks to be deeper than it did last year with junior Liz Lyon leading the way. Lyon finished last season with a 10-4 record with an ERA of 2.97. Lyon will be joined with senior Heather Bensinger, sophomore Allison Tagliaferri, and freshmen

Kristen Dean and Kristi Duncan rounding out the rest of the rotation.

Tagliaferri proved last season she could be just as dangerous on the mound as she is in the batter's box. However, her recovery from an ankle injury she sustained during basketball season will be key in her success.

"At first it will be hindrance, but it should be alright," said Tagliaferri. "I'll be good to go."

With the addition of Dean and Duncan, the Mounties will have more depth in the rotation as they reach the later part in the season.

For the past four years, the Mounties pitching staff were in the hands of Sarah Betke behind the plate. This year though, out of all the positions, the catcher spot seems to be a question mark. With the departure of Betke, who started in 128 career games and batted .296 along with a .963 fielding percentage last season the catcher position is up for grabs.

Sophomore Marissa Kosydar will likely take over the catching role. Last season Kosydar started in eight games and and only committed one error in 25 chances.

Also competing for the catching spot are transfer Nancy Quinn and freshman Sytiva Seitz.

Moving around the bases the Mounties infield is full of young talent along with some veteran leadership.

The young infield will look for the leadership of senior Jessica Ricker, who is a three-time All-PSAC who batted .314 and led the team in hits (36), doubles (10), RBI (18), and sacrifice bunts (13).

Backing up Ricker will likely be junior Kay Canfield and freshman Kristen Dean.

Moving around the horn to second base you'll find sophomore



Sports Information

Liz Lyon (center) will have a young and talented infield behind her this upcoming season.

Shannon McDonnell who hit .295 in 25 games. Competing for playing time at second as well will be last year's shortstop sophomore Alexis Drebiko who started in 32 of the Mounties' 39 games last season.

With the graduation of Lewis, the Mounties will have Jackie Laskowski take over the role of first base. The scouting report on Laskowski is that she has a great glove and hits with power.

While she isn't pitching, Tagliaferri will be backing up first along with freshman Jess Nordblom. Tagliaferri, who led the team with a .319 batting average last season, will start at the designated hitter spot, when she isn't pitching or playing first.

Moving back to the middle of infield to the short stop position there will be two true freshmen fighting for the starting role. Kris Kelly and Kristy Loomis both have excellent range with great arms.

The outfield will be led by senior Heather Bensinger who hit .276 with 15 RBI last season. She has a great game presence and an excellent arm for the center field posi-

tion.

Over in right field will be Heather Long, who is returning from a shoulder injury. When Bensinger pitches, Long will more than likely move over to center field. Plus with the return of Long, the Mounties have another good bat with power in the line-up.

In left field, the Mounties will have either senior Mandy Boandl who hit .221 and started in 30 games or sophomore Sarah Deller. Both players have the playing experience to get the starting nod. The Mounties outfield has much depth as well, as sophomore Krysti Lose will be backing up the outfielders.

With this year's squad, the Mounties look to be one of the teams to beat in the PSAC East division.

The Mounties will open up their season in the sunshine state of Florida and will participate in the Spring Fling Tournament.

Mansfield opens the PSAC part of their season on March 26 as they host the Red Raiders of Shippensburg.



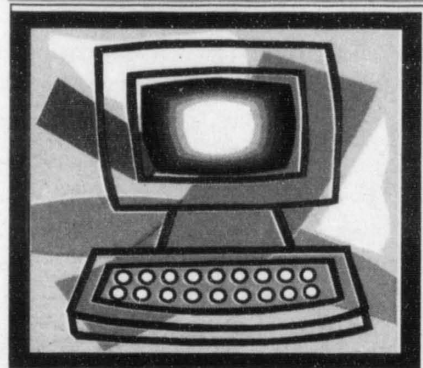
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Three time All-PSAC Jessica Ricker returns to third base after leading the team in hits, doubles, RBI, and sac bunts last season.



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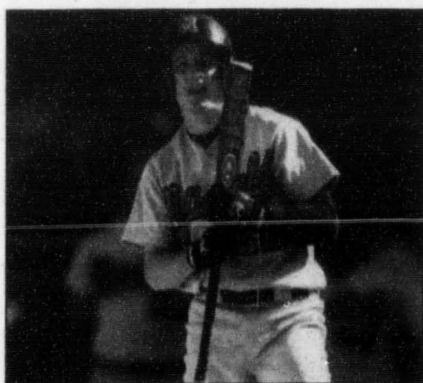
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Take a survey, help North Hall

By DYLAN BRUCIE
Flashlight Editor-in-Chief

When asked what the most impressive location at Mansfield University is, most students will tell you that it is North Hall Library. Now, through input from students and faculty, North Hall wants to make itself even better.

On March 17, all students and faculty will receive an email from Larry Nesbit, Director of North Hall Library, requesting them to express their opinions and views of the library through a web based survey titled "LibQUAL+." The survey, consisting of 25 multiple-choice questions, is estimated to take about 10 minutes to complete and will ask questions concerning the building itself, the reliability of the service provided, how much the service helps, provisions of physical collections, and how easy it is to access information.

The library is conducting the survey to find out exactly what the students and faculty think they can do to be better. Nesbit talked about how the library has prided itself as being one of the first libraries to make the huge technological jump of the mid 90s.

"In 1996, we were in the top one

percent of libraries. Now we're not so high," Nesbit said.

Nesbit realizes that students today can access information right from their own rooms as long as they have a computer and an internet connection.

"Libraries don't have monopolies on information anymore," Nesbit said. This is why all employees of the library now have to undergo training in customer service, so that everyone who enters North Hall feels welcome. "We have to earn the business of people now," Nesbit said.

Apart from customer service training of employees, many other steps are being taken to improve also. According to Nesbit, all new computers are on order for the library and all computers should be replaced by summer. Efforts are also being made to strengthen networks with other libraries so that if North Hall doesn't have the publication that someone is looking for, they can get it very quickly.

Despite improvements already being made, the staff of the library is very interested to see what students and faculty like and dislike about the library. North Hall will be joining 316 other libraries from

around the country that are also participating in this year's survey, including such institutions as Cornell University, Elmira College and the Albert Einstein College of Medicine. When the information is sent and analyzed, not only will North Hall know their strengths and weaknesses, but also they will be able to see how they compare in different areas to libraries across the country.

Matt Syrett, a reference librarian at North Hall, was the first to learn about the LibQUAL+ survey and thought it would be a great idea for North Hall Library. For Syrett, this survey will help to "focus on meeting the needs of students and faculty."

"The survey will validate what we



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have done and see what needs to be done," he said.

As an incentive to take the time to fill out the survey, all those who complete and return the survey will be entered in a drawing to win a digital camera or gift certificates to the campus bookstore. Participants will also be entered in a nationwide drawing to win a palm PILOT from the Association of Research Libraries.

Fall 2003 Registration Schedule

Earned Credits / Student Status:	Your day to register:
90+ / Honor & Undergraduate Certification	Monday, March 31
81+ / Associate Degree Students	Tuesday, April 1
72+ / Graduate Students	Wednesday, April 2
60+	Thursday, April 3
49+	Friday, April 4
42+	Monday, April 7
30+	Tuesday, April 8
17+	Wednesday, April 9
15+	Thursday, April 10
13+	Friday, April 11
11+	Monday, April 14
0+	Tuesday & Wednesday, April 15 & 16



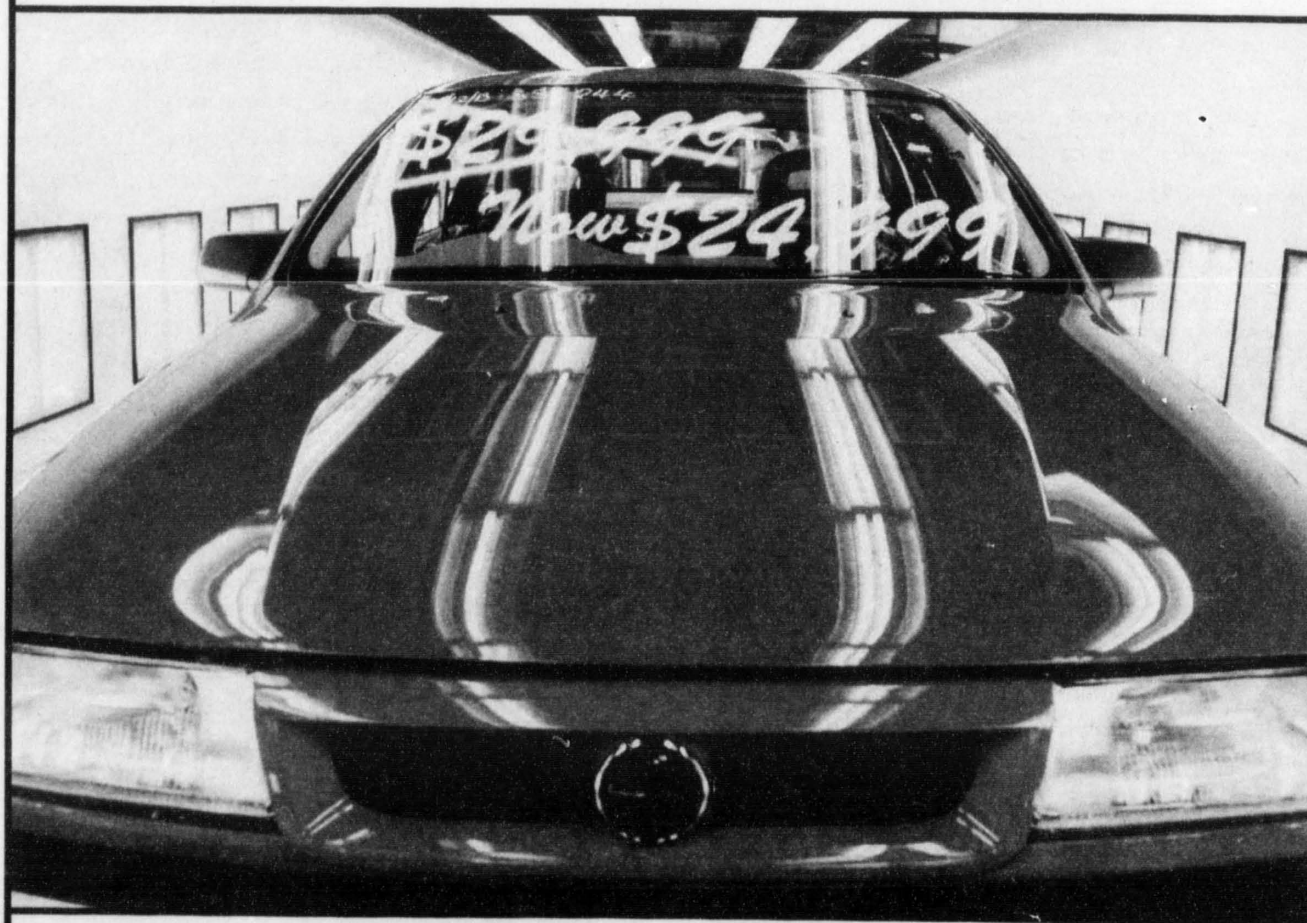
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"Snyder County Creativity: Paintings and Pottery by Jim Dippery and Bill Lynch" is on display until March 28 at the MU Gallery in North Hall. The MU Art Acquisition and Exhibition Committee will host a reception and gallery talk by the artists tomorrow at 7 p.m. The gallery is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The exhibit and reception are free and open to the public.

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★ The Mansfield University Men's Basketball Team will host the **ECAC Championship Game** against New Jersey Tech this Saturday at 1 p.m. in Decker Gymnasium. Admission is free with student ID.

★ **Women's History Movie Nights**

March 13 - *Elizabeth*

March 20 - *The Color Purple*

Both movies are showing in Allen Auditorium at 8 p.m. Sponsored by the History Club and SAO

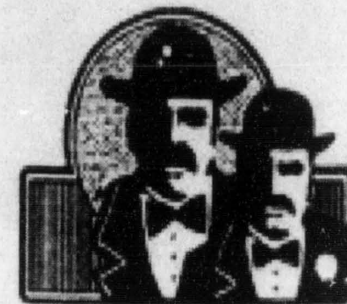
★ Are you interested in developing new interests, participating in community service, acquiring valuable job experience, and learning marketable skills? **Campus Girl Scouts** can provide numerous skills and experience that will benefit you! There will be an organizational meeting tomorrow from 5 to 6 p.m. in the Women's Center, 109 Pinecrest. For more information, contact Jan Yoder at 662-4245, or jyoder@mansfield.edu.

★ Every Wednesday from 7 to 10 p.m. a **billiards tournament** will be held in Alumni Hall Student Center. Last week's winners are: 1st- Nate Seider; 2nd- Matt Bliss; 3rd- Travis King.

★ **GEEK WEEK IS COMING!!** (March 17- March 22)

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Dr. Ken Sarch named Fulbright Scholar

Kenneth Sarch, director of Orchestral Activities and professor of violin and viola, has been named a Fulbright Scholar to Bolivia. He will spend this summer and the fall semester teaching, performing and conducting at the University of Santa Cruz, the Conservatory and the Suzuki School. Sarch will also assist in the building of a city orchestra.

"I am grateful to receive a sabbatical from Mansfield University in order to accept this opportunity, and I am honored to have been awarded a Fulbright to Bolivia," Sarch said. "I have also received a call and emails from the Arts Council in Santa Cruz.

They are happy that I can work on their dream to form a symphony orchestra and help develop the string and conducting programs."

In July, Sarch and his family will travel to Santa Cruz, the largest city in Bolivia, where they will live for six months.

"Everyone is excited about this



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upcoming musical adventure," he said. "My family will have the opportunity to live in a new country, my wife Margot will be helping with the string teaching. Right now my kids are trying to learn phrases in Spanish."

The Fulbright Program was established in 1946 to increase mutual understanding between the people of the US and other countries, through the exchange of persons, knowledge, and skills.

Geek week cometh

By JONATHAN SCHWAB
Flashlight Writer

The first ever Geek Week will be taking place March 17 through March 22. Geek Week will be a week of events and shows not only for geeks, but for the entire campus, according to event committee co-chairman Mario Migliori.

"This week will be an opportunity for the whole campus community to come together and just have a good time," Migliori said.

A subset of the entire Geek Week will be the Geek-o-Lympics. The five Geek-o-Lympic events will be a "Geek Style" dance competition, an NES competition, a dodgeball competition, an Uno competition and the Pi-athalon. For each of the Geek-o-Lympic events a prize will be given to both of the top two competitors.

In addition to the Geek-o-Lympics other featured events include a costume party, a geek auction, Band Night and the Geek Talent Show.

"It will be so much fun, it will literally knock your socks off," Lou

Binetti, co-chairman of the Geek Week Committee, said.

Like Binetti, Migliori believes Geek Week will be a great time for everyone involved and also sees Geek Week becoming a fun event at MU for years to come.

"I think not only will this be a lot of fun but it will be something that people look forward to as an annual event. Geek Week will hopefully bring together many different clubs on campus and only grow bigger and better with each year," Migliori said.

Proceeds from the inaugural Geek Week will go towards increasing awareness and funding for the Mansfield University Student Web. For more information about the events or anything else related to Geek Week, call 662-1141, or e-mail mugeekweek@hotmail.com.

Monday:

Noon: Robot Dance in Quad.
Geek-O-Lympics event:
"Geek Style" dance competition

5:00 p.m.-midnight: Geek
Movie Night

Tuesday:

Noon: Jousting in the quad
Geek-O-Lympics event:
Trivia Competition
5:00p.m.-midnight: Costume party

Wednesday:

Noon: Belching competition in quad
Geek-O-Lympics event:
Dodgeball competition
Evening: Halo Tournament

Thursday:

10a.m.-4p.m.: Geek-O-Lympics event: Magic competition in Lower Manser
Noon: Geek auction in quad
2pm-12pm: Band Night

Friday:

Noon: Geek-o-Lympics final event, Pi-athalon in Allen Hall quad
6-11p.m.: Award Ceremony & Geek Talent show in Multi-Purpose-Room

Saturday:

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Denis DiBlasio to perform Monday

The Denis DiBlasio/George Rabbai Quintet will perform in concert at 8:15 p.m. on Monday in Steadman Theatre. This marks the second time in as many years that DeBlasio and Rabbai have performed on the MU campus.

"Those who heard them last year know how exciting and entertaining they can be," said Michael Galloway, director of the MU Jazz Ensemble. "Be prepared to hear a great jazz concert presented with energy, humor and real joy of spontaneous music making."

Denis DiBlasio is an internationally known saxophonist and flutist, clinician and educator. He has written several books on jazz improvisation and is a recording artist. Trumpeter George Rabbai first gained recognition as a member of the Woody Herman Band,

with whom he toured and recorded. He is currently on the faculty at Rowan and Philadelphia's University of the Arts.

Mansfield native Dan Monaghan on drums, pianist Jim Ridl and Douglas Mapp on bass round out the quintet.

Monaghan is rapidly making a name for himself as one of the best young drummers in the northeast. A graduate of Mansfield High School, he attended Arizona State and Mansfield University before

graduating from Temple University with a degree in Jazz Studies. Currently he is involved in a DVD recording project with guitarist Jimmy Bruno that will be released later this year.

Ridl began his professional career performing and touring with local and nationally recognized musicians. He now resides in New Jersey, and is much sought after as a creative and innovative pianist, arranger and composer.

Mapp is a freelance double/electric bassist in the Philadelphia area. His performing and recording career includes work in virtually every musical genre - from classical to jazz to pop. He can be heard frequently with the Philadelphia based swing band "The Big Push."

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Tickets for the

concert are \$8 general admission, \$5 for senior citizens and \$3 for MU students with ID. Proceeds from the concert will benefit the Mansfield chapter of the International Association of Jazz Educators and support the MU jazz program.

The appearance of the Denis DiBlasio/George Rabbai Quintet is sponsored by Wellsboro Imaging, Inc. and Enrico J. Doganiero, D.O.

For more information call the music office at (570) 662-4710.



Friday marks beginning of Intercultural Relations Conference

By ERIN EBERLY

Special to the Flashlight

The Intercultural Relations Conference to be held this Friday and Saturday on campus will operate under the theme "Women Across Cultures" this year.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, March 14, 2003

12:30-4:00p.m. - Conference Registration (AHSC)

1:00-2:30 p.m. - Opening Plenary: "Woman Songs of Peace"

2:45-4:30p.m. - Cultural Film Theatre

Saturday, March 15, 2002

10:00 a.m. - Conference Registration (AHSC)

10:30-12:00 p.m. - Plenary: "The Role of Women in the Peace Process in South Asia"

noon-1:00 p.m. - LUNCHEON

1:00-2:30 p.m. - Plenary: "Women on the Move"

The specific focuses of this year's conference are relationship building and the peace process. On the schedule are three plenary presentations within those themes, the first of which will be "Woman Songs of Peace," presented on Friday by Chicago folk artist Ms. Jennifer Armstrong. She will play the guitar, fiddle, banjo, and Scottish bagpipes in her performance.

On Saturday Dr. Ishrat Mustafa of Corning will give a presentation about the South Asian peace process and the role of women in it. Mustafa was born in India and lived in Pakistan before coming to the United States for postgraduate studies. Currently she is anticipating the publication of a book she has written.

At the closing of the conference later that day a presentation called "Women on the Move" will be given by Dr. Judith A.W. Thomas of Lincoln University. It will focus on Black and Latino women. Thomas is a popular keynote speaker and educational consult-

ant, as well as a scholar of the English and Spanish languages. She has many honors and awards to her credit, such as the W.E.B. Dubois Community Service Award.

Other items on the schedule include a Cultural Film Theatre and a Saturday luncheon. You can attend either day if one interests you more than the other or you can attend both days. Registration will be held at the beginning of both days of the conference.

As the United States takes a more global view of the world, the need to be informed about other cultures is growing. This conference has been designed to help people interact with people of different cultures effectively in the workplace and in everyday life.

Anyone interested in attending should contact Annie Cooper in the Office of Multicultural Affairs in 114 Pinecrest (x4381), or Jannis Floyd in Retan 208D (x4364). Registration forms are due by Thursday.

Go ahead, be a day tripper

By DAVID FETZER

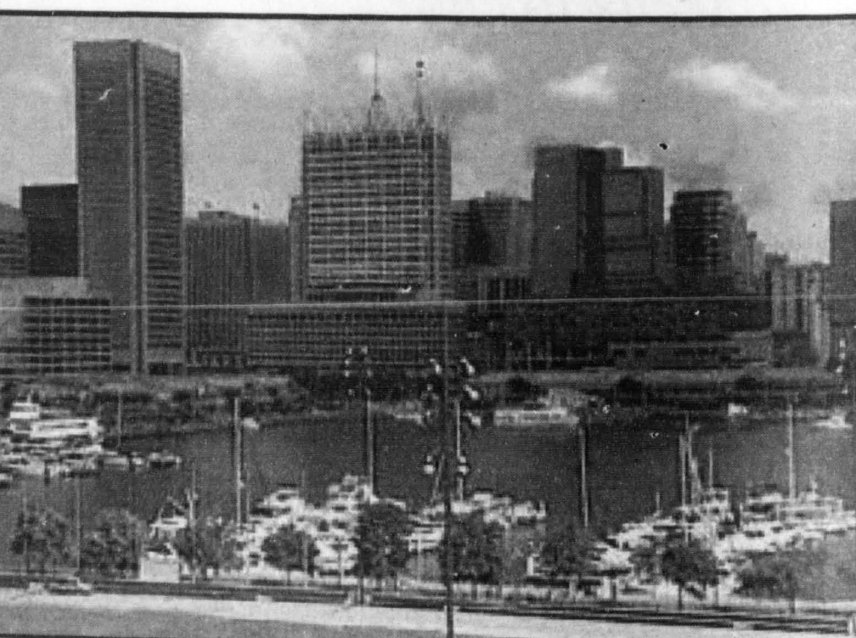
Special to the Flashlight

Baltimore's Inner Harbor is the destination for students in the Psychology Department this Friday. But because the seating capacity on the bus fell short by three seats, four general students will be allowed to sign-up for the trip.

The cost of the trip is \$5 for MU students with valid ID and \$10 for all others. The bus will depart at 6 a.m. from Laurel Manor. The bus will then return sometime Friday night.

Other trips in the future include a trip to New York City on Saturday, March 29. Again, the cost, time, and departure site are all the same as the Baltimore trip. Three buses will be taken on this trip and two have already been filled. There are 18 seats remaining on the third bus.

MU students may also enjoy taking an overnight trip to Montreal, Canada. The trip will cost MU students \$20 with valid ID, and all others \$40. The cost will include



MU STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Students interested in traveling to Baltimore have only two days left!

transportation and an overnight stay at Travelodge-Montreal. The buses will depart from Laurel at 6 a.m. on Saturday, April 12 and return on Sunday, April 13.

Anyone who is interested in going on any of these trips should see Barbara Morgan, 325 Alumni Hall. Money should be paid to her at time of sign-up.

"There is no deadline," said

Morgan. "However, seats are filled on a first-come, first-serve basis so the sooner the better."

Additional information can be found on the MU website. Just click on "Quick Links," then "Calendar Events," and finally on "Upcoming Specials." All information for trips are posted as soon as they are confirmed.



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SGA Update: What can you do?

By MARIA TREGO
Special to the Flashlight

Are you tired of the continued rise of your college tuition bill? Do you ever wonder if you can do anything about it?

Last week Governor Rendell released his proposed budget for the 2003-2004 fiscal year. With the decreasing economy, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is facing difficult times. Unfortunately, cuts have to be made somewhere. Nearly every state agency has taken a cut in the budget process. Higher education within the state was not immune. The proposed budget will give a five percent cut this year in addition to the amount that was also cut last year. This means that next semester YOU will pay more money to attend school at a state funded institution.

Here is what happens. The state decreases funding, which may decrease the level of education you are receiving. This leads to an increase in the amount of money that YOU pay the university. YOU are receiving less monetary help from the state.

We as students have to stand up and defend ourselves. We must write to our legislatures and inform them that this cut is not acceptable for students who attend state system schools. The more effort that we as students put into this advocacy effort, the more we will all benefit next year. WE NEED YOUR HELP!

At right is a sample letter that you may hand-write to your own state congressmen. You are welcome to change the format to fit your own writing style. The overall goal is to let our congressmen know that this cut is not acceptable!

Student Government Association will make sure that your letter gets sent to the proper place. Simply write your letter, address it to the proper congressmen, and slip it under the door of the student government association office located on the third floor in Alumni Hall. For more information, contact Student Government at extension X4987.

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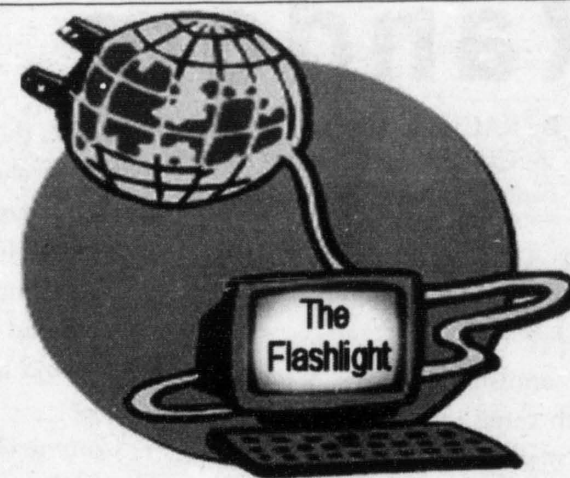
As a student/alumnus/trustee with _____ University of Pennsylvania, I am extremely concerned with the status of the Commonwealth budget, and most importantly, the portion that is proposed for Pennsylvania's State System of Higher Education. I feel the proposed funding is not adequate to meet the needs of our students.

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Random Ramblings

By RACHEL ADAMS ★
& COREY MEOLA ★
Flashlight News Editor and
Flashlight Writer

☞ I saw a picture of Christina Aguilera (5'2") standing between Shaq (7'1") and Yao (7'5"). It was very amusing because she pretty much came to their waists, but it also made me jealous. I feel I need to seek these men out so I can stand next to them and have one of those rare moments in my life when I can't look down on the people standing next to me. (In case you're wondering, I'm 5'11".)

★ There's a new Detrol LA commercial, for those of you who care about this sort of thing. They're in some sort of nature park, and the woman has to turn her minivan around to go back to the bathroom.

☞ Of course, then all her kids are mad at her for cheating them out of a good old-fashioned trip to the drive-through nature reserve. If I paid good money to get into a zoo and then had to pee, I would pee in a bottle and say hell with it.

☞ Commercial Rant of the Week: The check card commercial with that basketball player, Yao. All the employees say through the whole thing is "Yo." He asked if he could write a check, how about saying no? It even rhymes with yo. They seriously need to expand their vocabularies.

★ I think my left leg is shorter than my right leg. This makes me uneasy.

☞ Keep an eye out for the Lipitor commercial with the twin broth-

ers. It's the best opportunity to laugh at somebody else's misfortune. In case you haven't seen it, one of the brothers walks into a window while the other goes through a door, and I find things like that amusing.

☞ Hey girls, when you were a kid, did you ever have one of those skirts that stuck straight out when you spun around? My roommate and I were reminiscing about our younger days, and somehow the subject of these particular skirts came up. I absolutely hate wearing skirts, but I made sure I had one of those just so I could spin. Sure, people could see my underwear, but I was 7 what did I care? Ahh, the good old days.

TODAY IN HISTORY

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1990 - Mongolia's ruling Politburo resigned and Communist leader Zhambyn Batmunkh proposed amending a constitutional clause guaranteeing the party's "leading role."

1992 - The Indian Ocean island of Mauritius became a republic dropping its links with the British crown 24 years to the day after independence.

1993 - Nearly 200 people were killed when up to 13 bombs went off across the city of Bombay in India.

1994 - The South African government and the ANC agreed to depose Bophuthatswana homeland President Lucas Mangope.

1994 - The Church of England broke with 460 years of male dominance when it ordained its first women priests in Bristol Cathedral.

1996 - China began new war games in the Taiwan Strait in a show of force, using jets and warships to drive home its warning to Taiwan not to seek independence.

GEEKculture

By TODD BAILEY
Flashlight Writer

• Welcome back GEEKlets! Hope everyone had a very relaxing and refreshing week of spring break. I for one enjoyed the time with the brood back in Philly. Watching my 3 year old nephew sing R. Kelly's Ignition remix is priceless.

• Should be a very good week in the WWE with tempers firing up between Stone Cold Steve Austin and the Rock...can't wait to see how that one pans out. Also looking forward to what will happen between Hulk Hogan and Vince on the road to WrestleMania.

• Josh Hartnett is no longer in the running for Superman but now Warner Bros. is in talks with Jerry O'Connell. Please no! They are going to ruin the film before production even begins. On a good Superman note, Anthony Hopkins is confirmed to play Jor-El, father of Kal-El (Supes). That is a pretty good cast in the eyes of the GEEK. Ratner is confirmed as director.

• Warner Bros. has made a tentative plan to release films based on DC Comic characters over the next seven years. The films include: *Batman vs. Superman*, *Batman: Year One*, *Catwoman*, *Wonder Woman*, *Superman*, and *Batman Beyond*.

• One small note, I hated both *Ringu* and *The Ring*. Those were some crappy films. Sorry to all the fans of the two films out there but come on now, the story and concept was monkey poo. My 3 year old nephew could have written a better concept for a horror film...he really could to, just ask the misses!

• Nothing really exciting being released on DVD this week except for maybe *I Spy*. That might be funny. Next week I am sure all you guys will be buy some form of *8 Mile* when it is released on DVD and VHS next Tuesday.

GEEK's Special random quote of the week:
"It's only skin, Steven."
-Jim Carrey
The Cable Guy

In the GEEKlight: *The Big Lebowski*



★ DMX has announced that he's retiring after the release of his next album (what?) Apparently he wants to spend more time reading the Bible (what?). Who remembers Ma\$e? My guess is that the obligatory greatest hits cd (what?) that will come out eventually will actually be his greatest release ever (what?) seeing as how all his albums after *It's Dark and Hell is Hot* always had like 2 or 3 good songs and that was about it (bark!).

★ I saw *The Hours*, and it was pretty good. And that's my official review, sucka.

★ The White Stripes have a new album, *Elephant*, coming out pretty soon; I think the official date is March 31. Jack is disgruntled about people downloading it before it is even released. Don't get Jack mad at you because he'll go peppermint-ass-kickin' on you. Also, Meg broke her arm so they have cancelled shows because, obviously, it's hard to drum with only one arm. Unless, of course, you are from Def Leppard, but we don't need to go there.

★ Because I apparently love to punish myself by catering to morons' taste in music, I will again announce that Limp Bizkit has a new album coming out. Seriously, if you buy this for any other reason than breaking it in half to slice your wrists once you realize you bought it during one of your cocaine hazes, then I think you should consider buying a motorless Yugo car and sit in it on some train tracks.

★ SHAT's Best Of is the funniest stuff, ever. Yeah, you'd be offended by it if you take yourself too seriously, but then again, if you take yourself too seriously, you deserve to be offended.

★ I bought the Beehive and the Barracudas cd, and it stomps on top of all your records. It sounds like it was recorded in a basement, and I'm pretty sure they all forget to shower for days on end, and it rocks harder than a porno boner.

★ On the other hand, I purchased the Rapture cd, and from what I could handle listening to, it sucked donkey balls. For some reason I thought it would be good, but this thing took a crap on me, kinda like *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles 3*.

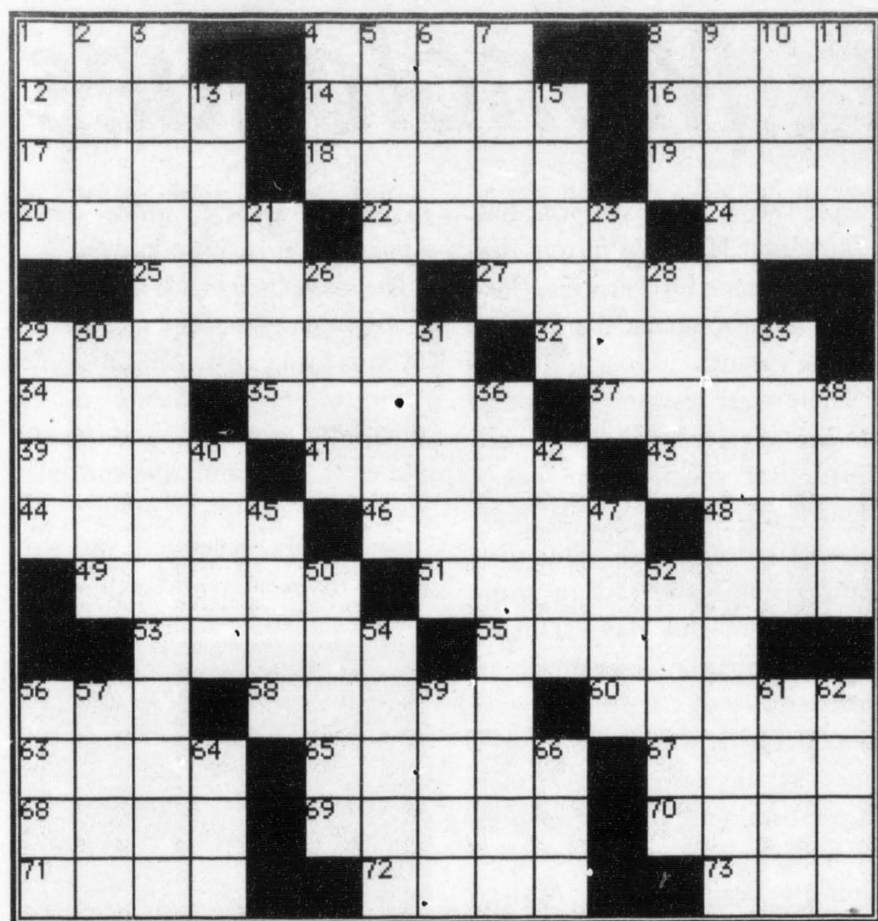
Auditions for two student directed plays will be held this afternoon and tomorrow night.

Audition times and places are as follows:

Today at 4 p.m. in Straughn Auditorium

Tomorrow night at 7 p.m. in room 312 of Alumni Hall

Flashlight meeting tonight at 5 p.m. in room 301 Alumni Hall.
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By Theresa Benner

Residence Life Movies Channel 10

This weeks scheduled movies.

Thursday

- 5 p.m. - Devils Own
7:30 p.m. - Far and Away
10 p.m. - Sweet Alabama
12:30 a.m. - Boys on the Side

Saturday

- 5 p.m. - Sweet Home Alabama
7:30 - Boys of the Side
10 p.m. - Devils Own
12:30 a.m. - Far and Away

Friday

- 5 p.m. - Far and Away
7:30 p.m. - Sweet Home Alabama
10 p.m. - Boys on the Side
12:30 a.m. - Far and Away

Sunday

- 5 p.m. - Boys on the Side
7:30 p.m. - Devils Own
10 p.m. - Far and Away
12:30 a.m. - Sweet Home Alabama

If you have any selection suggestions and/or comments, please sent them to meggles@mnsfld.edu.
Your feedback is important to us. Enjoy the movies!

Play Review: *The Vagina Monologues*

By HILLARY GRUMBINE

Flashlight Writer

I must say, when I heard the name "Vagina Monologues" I was a little bit nervous and extremely curious at the same time. How many times in a woman's life are people open about such a subject? Almost never.

When I heard that MU was performing *The Vagina Monologues* by Eve Ensler, I was excited. I was willing to beg, borrow and steal for that four dollars to go, because by mid-semester, I was almost broke. Well, I wouldn't steal, but you get the idea. After borrowing the money from a friend who gladly came along, I found myself at the midnight showing on Wednesday night/Thursday morning. I've never seen the Multi-Purpose Room in Alumni Hall Student Center so jam packed. It was incredible!

The show started off with an interpretive dance. As the music neared to a close, I felt full of this incredible energy and anticipation. Over the next two hours I would laugh loudly, cry silently, be a little grossed out, only to laugh some



Photo by MAUREEN MOORE

The cast takes a moment to pose with director Dr. Andrew Longoria.

more.

The Vagina Monologues is a tale of women; over 200 women to be exact. They range in all ages, all shapes and sizes, races and nationalities. These women were open and honest and willing to share their deepest thoughts and feelings. Their stories are poignant and fresh, full of life and sadness.

The audience heard tales from Emilee Danielson's character whose vagina was "pissed off" because it was tired of cold examination instruments and uncomfortable underwear. There were tales from children, questions like "If you vagina could wear anything, what would it be?" and the various answers that produced.

Purple velvet, a leopard print hat, a kimono, Harry Winston diamonds, emeralds, ermine, lace AND combat boots, the answers ran the gamut.

There were less amusing parts of the performance as well, those that touched the heart. Female circumcision and genital mutilation is a horrible procedure still practiced in some countries to this day. During war in Bosnia, hundreds of thousands of women were raped. There were tear stained faces as an actress performed the monologue of a Bosnian refugee and victim. Jennifer Glenn read as an Afghan woman, feeling oppressed and trapped.

Some of the solemnity of the show was broken up by facts and statistics. Other parts were broken up by moments of sheer comedy. Courtney Hugo got thunderous applause for her role as an ex-lawyer turned dominatrix. Her listing of the various types of moaning and the red pleather gloves were highly appreciated by the audience. Did you know that it's illegal

to sell vibrators in three states? Apparently it is. Who knew?

The show ended with more interpretive dance by the entire cast to an interesting chant of some sort. Afterwards the audience milled around the area, talking to the cast and crew, congratulating and hugging and complimenting. The show was phenomenal. It was well worth the money and well worth staying up late to see.



Photo by MAUREEN MOORE

A Flashlight flashback

By RACHEL ADAMS

Flashlight News Editor

The Flashlight, Mansfield University's student newspaper, was founded on Feb. 29, 1914 as *The Spotlight*, a 16-page monthly publication filled with jokes, announcements, police reports and other university news. It also boasted a faculty issue, where members of the Mansfield Normal School faculty could write articles about anything they pleased.

The Spotlight was, as many newspapers are, plagued by many problems: most notably, lack of funds and lack of student interest. The cost of a copy was \$.15; a year's subscription, \$1. On the first anniversary of its birth, the editorial staff likened the growth of *The Spotlight* to that of a baby taking its first steps. They wrote, "The *Spotlight* wobbled along on uncertain steps for a while, but soon its muscles were strengthened by the support of the student body and faculty until it could stand upright and hold its own among the school papers of this state."

In the fall of 1920, *The Spotlight* became *The Semaphore*, a name change that remains unexplained in the pages of the publication. The 12-page weekly paper contained headlines such as "Social Functions," "Athletics," "School News," "Alumni" and "Fireless

Roaster," a jokes and pleasantries page.

After six years, on Feb. 6, 1926, the newspaper appeared as *The Flashlight*. This name wasn't intended to be permanent, however, and in the fall of 1926 a "Name Your Paper" contest was held underneath a banner proclaiming the same. On Dec. 13 it was announced that one Howard Burr had won the contest over 50 other entrants, and the name *The Flashlight* would stay.

"Flashlight" means the flashing of news and events across the campus horizon. It conveys a world of meaning in that it catches the news of the week and the picture stays," wrote the editors.

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Movie Review: *Cradle 2 The Grave*

By ANDRE BENNETT

Flashlight Writer

Cradle 2 The Grave is a perfect example of the state of American movies today. It's cinematic junk food, to be sure, but then again, most of today's movies fit that bill as well. Compared to other martial arts action movies coming from our shores, *Cradle* is well-made, with enough thrills to keep you from rioting afterwards for a refund of your admission. However, aside from Gabrielle Union's sizzling strip-tease and an underground cage match pitting Jet Li against over a dozen street fighters, I doubt you'll remember much else about the movie a few hours after seeing it.

DMX stars-and don't let Jet Li's top billing fool you; DMX has the biggest role here-as jewel thief Tony Fait, a crook with a heart of gold and a strict code of honor. He only steals from other criminals, he always treats women with respect, and he never uses guns. (That sentence should tell you that this is a total work of fantasy.) Tony and his crew (Drag-On, Anthony Anderson, and the aforementioned Union) are hired to steal an unusual parcel of black diamonds. However, as soon as someone tips off the cops to their heretofore perfectly executed job, something seems amiss.

That someone is Jet Li as Su, a mysterious fellow who is after the stones himself. Tony and his companions manage to get away with the stones, despite Su's interference. Tony takes them to his fence, Archie (a surprisingly funny, rather than grating, Tom Arnold), who suspects that something isn't right with the stones. Unfortunately, before he can figure it out, the stones are stolen. To make matters even worse, a man named Ling (Mark Dacascos) kidnaps Tony's daughter and demands the stones as her ransom.

By now, you probably know from the commercials that Su is really an undercover government agent from Taiwan who ends up joining forces with Tony to get the stones and the girl. From here, the movie gets very predictable, but that doesn't take away from the fun.

Cradle 2 The Grave is good enough in all aspects. DMX isn't

really an actor so much as he is a presence, and as such, he isn't very hard to watch at all. Jet Li seems to be phoning this one in, so totally laid back as to almost say, "I can sleepwalk through roles like this." Mark Dacascos plays a pretty ruthless villain, though it would have been great if they gave him more to



Jet Li springs into action in *Cradle 2 the Grave*.

do aside from sneering, killing a man with seafood, and the obligatory fight with Jet Li. Gabrielle Union and Kelly Hu (as Ling's right-hand woman Sona) look as though they're passing time for something better to come along. They probably were: Union had a starring role in this year's *Deliver Us From Eva*, and Kelly Hu's profile is bound to raise by leaps and bounds after her villainous turn in this summer's *X-Men 2*.

What I find incredibly funny is that this movie was originally supposed to be inspired by Fritz Lang's 1931 thriller, *M*, starring Peter Lorre as a child murderer. DMX was to play a gangster who allies with the police to find the killer. Thereby, you have the title *Cradle 2 The Grave*. (Get it?) However, after the announcement of the project received a negative reaction, this project was changed dramatically. How many (relatively) high-concept projects end up becoming the usual Saturday afternoon dreck?

Director Andrzej Bartkowiak (who had previously worked with DMX in *Exit Wounds* and Li's *Romeo Must Die*) seems to have little aspiration past making popcorn flicks. Or maybe he does, and he's just waiting for the right script. A look at his profile on the Internet Movie

Database (<http://www.imdb.com>) displays his long and varied list of cinematography credits, so I'd like to

see some variety in the projects he accepts in the future.

Then again, perhaps he won't. Most likely, he'll continue to function as a part of the same system that cranks out gems such as *Half Past Dead*. Say what you will about *The Matrix*, but it undeniably changed Hollywood's action movie

landscape, dropping liberal use of kung fu and slow motion into our pop-cultural lexicon in ways that filmmakers like John Woo and Tsui Hark could never hope to do. Something even vaguely unique can't come out of Hollywood without ten more movies within the following six months shamelessly

"borrowing" from it and dumping it down. Sure, we're entertained, but what's next? A sequel? Another rip-off "in the tradition" of what was already a dumb action movie to begin with? Come on, Hollywood, challenge us! Give us something to talk about, to think about!

Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon borrowed heavily from its Hong Kong wuxia film roots, but mixed said inspiration with a different, more feminine sensibility, to give us one of the most beautiful movies of any genre I-and many others-have seen. *The Matrix* was clearly "inspired" by Star Wars, *The Terminator*, the "Invisibles" comic book series, and even the Bible, yet it raised the bar on special effects with the Bullet Time process. *Cradle 2 The Grave* is so much a product of the "safe" Hollywood mentality that adapted *Hannibal* and *Red Dragon*, remade TV shows like *I Spy*, and gave us so many comic book movies once *Blade* hit it big at the box office. It's enough to keep you in your seat the whole time, bathroom breaks notwithstanding, but afterwards, it sends you home with little more than a ticket stub and a mostly-eaten tub of popcorn.

Cradle 2 The Grave proves that Hollywood hasn't yet learned a valuable lesson: that even the most buttery of popcorn movies need to give us something for the head and for the heart, not just the eyes.

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OPINION & EDITORIAL

From the Editor's Desk:

Take a stand for lower tuition

By DYLAN BRUCIE

Flashlight Editor-in-Chief

Another "spring" break come and gone, much sooner than most of us would have liked. I put spring in quotations for a few reasons. First, I was shoveling snow over the "spring" break. Second, the temperature never got above 40. And lastly, spring doesn't arrive until March 21.

Not that I wasn't happy to have a week off from everything. I should just be happy that I got time off to begin with and stop complaining, right? All right, I'll complain about something that actually matters.

A pressing issue that's a concern to most, if not all, students at this university and others is the further decrease in state funding towards higher education. This means cuts in departments and higher tuition costs for students. Tuition was raised last summer also, straining some students to the limits of their budgets. Unfortunately, those students might not be able to come back next year.

I know times are tough for everyone, including the state, with our economy in the trouble it's in, but paying more money for a lower quality education is unfair. I really encourage everyone to write to your state congressman. It doesn't

take a lot of time and it really does make a difference. There's even a sample letter on page five for those of you who are unsure of how you would want to word such a letter.

Students really can make a difference in these matters. Even if we can't completely stop the increase from happening, it could be reduced to a lower increase. Every little bit helps, but not unless we take some action.

In something completely unrelated, I think Mountie Den starting a delivery service was a great idea. I hear it's not doing so well though. I think it might be because it drains precious flex dollars, but hey, at least you aren't wasting your precious real dollars like you would be on other food places delivering to your dorm. Save that money for the increase in tuition next semester. You're going to need it.

Welcome back everyone. Here's hoping spring gets here soon.

Have something to say? Want to respond to an editorial? Write in!

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Letter to the editor:

Response to Gospel Choir review

Comment to the Editor who wrote about the Gospel Choir:

The article was very compelling to all readers. Especially those of the Gospel Choir and not to contradict myself, thus has the editor, but to clearly propose a more accurate statement of the show. There, is something to be, said about that evenings concert "Celebrating Black History." We were called a "Rag-Tag" bunch of students with an out of tune piano. According to Webster's dictionary Rag-Tag means rabble; riffraff, so in what way does this term fit the Gospel Choir? When, in fact we are a unified group of Mansfield students from different races and

different places. Coming together to sing Gospel music the way we like. Oh' and so much for the piano it is perhaps better than the one at Straughns' Auditorium. The editor gave statements that she was a former "music major," so to the editor, do you know our music? Were you behind the piano? We had sheet music. Your quote "But their enthusiasm and passion more than made up for the little mistakes." So, to the former music major, did you not make mistakes? The "Black History Show" was compelling, praiseful, unified, glorified, and not at all what the editor made it seem.

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The notes were that way because we wanted them to be; also, the conductors were purposely arranged in that order because we believe in giving every one a chance. There were two purposes for the show number one to praise the Lord, and number two to honor Black History Month. For a group of students who come together only on Sundays between the hours of 6-8 we did well and we thank God for those voices. To all the Choir members you did a good job.

From the Founder and Director of the Gospel Choir,
Robyn Lakee Williams

Dear Ms. Williams,

You said, "The 'Black History Show' was compelling, praiseful, unified, glorified, and not at all what the editor made it seem." Now let me refresh your memory regarding what I said about your concert:

"Last Sunday's concert of the Mansfield University Gospel Choir was perhaps the most inspiring concert I've ever been to."

"One thing that had me amazed was the rowdy unity of the group."

"The concert passed in a frenzy of applause and praise, ending with a jubilant finale more powerful than anything I've ever heard come out of Butler Music Center. I was brought to tears more than once, and left with the thought that music doesn't have to be perfect to be appreciated. All it needs to be is from the heart, and trust me, the Gospel Choir has that down pat."

Here's a little background: I didn't go to the concert intending to write a review. I went to the concert to support my friends, and was so moved by the music and passion of the choir that I had to write about it. The fire I felt after the concert, however, was quickly extinguished by the attitudes of some of the choir's members.

Yes, I realize I misused the word "ragtag," but I've already apologized and explained to you what I meant, and I refuse to defend myself to you any further than I already have. You're entitled to your opinion, of course- but so am I. The whole point of a review is to express an opinion, and truthfully, a writer of a review should never have to explain him- or herself. That having been said, it is unacceptable for someone to call and harass me just because they don't agree with the way I presented my opinion.

In closing, anyone who heard me speak about the concert knows without a shadow of a doubt that I was impressed beyond belief, a point I think I made quite clear in my review. My opinion of last month's concert has not changed, but I will think twice before attending another.

Sincerely,
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Mounties sizzle at Fort Myers

Allegretto and Yoder record first collegiate victories

By JENNIFER A. NELSON

Flashlight Sports Co-Editor

Spring break 2003. For many Mansfield students, their break consisted of fun in the sun or just a relaxing time at home with family and friends.

It was a much different scenario for the Mansfield baseball team. They left early in the morning on Feb. 28 for their trip to Fort Myers, Fla. The Mounties had a "tough schedule" that consisted of 14 games in a span of nine days.

Mansfield's first game of the season was on Feb. 28 against Missouri-St. Louis. The Mounties managed to win their first game of the year with a 4-2 victory. Jason Manwaring and Josh Rearick were key hitters for Mansfield. Manwaring went 2-2 with one RBI and a walk. Rearick also went 2-2 with an RBI. Scoring for the Mountaineers were Travis Wurster, Manwaring, Doug Evans and Jason Fischer.

"We did pretty good with a tough schedule," Fischer said. "We came together towards the end; we did really good."

Jeff Papi was the winning pitcher for the Mounties. Through seven innings, Papi gave up four hits and gave up two runs. He walked four batters and struck out five.

The Mounties dropped their next two games on March 1 to Point Park and Missouri-St. Louis. In their 4-0 loss to Point Park, Mansfield's Brett Brown hit two singles while Rearick and Manwaring had two hits a piece. On the mound for the Mountaineers was Marty Rakaczewski. He allowed six hits but struck out seven Point Park batters. In game two against Missouri-St. Louis, John Cronin had two strikeouts and gave up eight hits in Mansfield's 3-1 loss. Leading the way for the Mounties was Manwaring. He had two hits at three at bats for Mansfield. Craig Barkey, Brandon Brokaw and Rearick also helped the team's efforts.

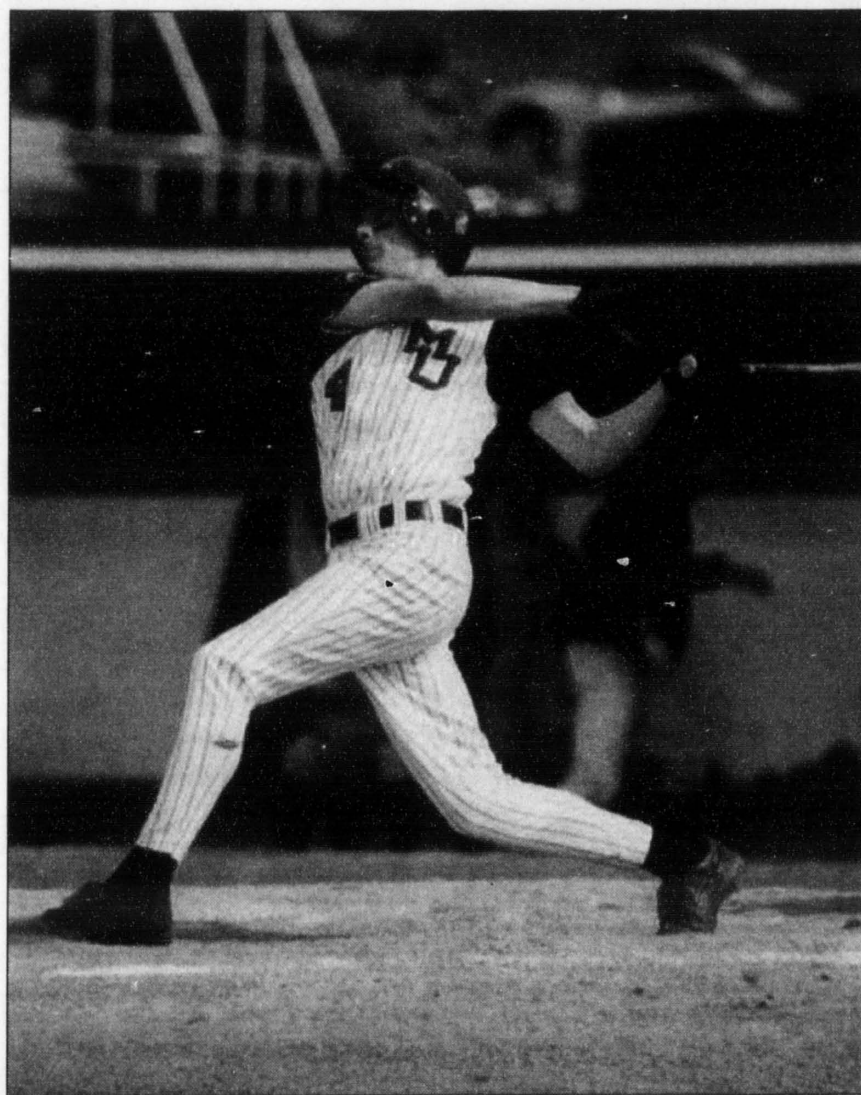
March 2 marked a first for one Mountie freshman. Pitcher Dan Yoder led Mansfield to a 3-2 win over Salem International. "I feel

pretty good to get my first win off my shoulders," Yoder said. He managed a complete game while allowing only eight hits and fanning five batters during his first collegiate win at Fort Myers. "I just want to put my team in a position to win every time I'm on the mound," Yoder said. The Mountaineer offense was once again topped by Josh Rearick. He hit Mansfield's two-run game winning single in the second inning of play.

In the second game of the day, Mansfield fell to Missouri-St. Louis, 17-4. Despite the team's 13 hits, it was not enough for the Mountaineers. However, Matt Hribal heated the game up with his two doubles. Helping Hribal add more fire was D.J. Hoshauer. He went 2-4 with two RBIs and a triple for Mansfield. Matt Mills and Dan Kochenderfer each produced offense for the Mounties as they each went 2-3 on the day.

Concordia College was the next opponent that Mansfield faced on March 3. In game one, freshman Matt Allegretto joined Yoder in recording his first collegiate win. Over six innings, Allegretto smoked six batters while giving up six hits to Concordia. Rakaczewski relieved Allegretto in the seventh inning of play. Manwaring helped lead the Mounties in their win with his RBI single. Evans attacked in the second inning with a double. He later scored on a fielder's choice. In the sixth inning, Rearick singled which would allow him to steal second base later on. He eventually scored on Manwaring's hit. In game two, The Mounties had just three hits, and they committed eight errors. Concordia won the game, 15-2.

Brett Brown was the man for the Mounties on March 4. He belted a grand slam home run in the bottom of the fourth inning that led Mansfield to a 7-4 win over South Dakota State. Jeff Papi hurled through six innings while striking out six batters. This marked Papi's second win of the season. John Cronin later came in for the Mountaineers to finish the game. Rearick had another stellar per-



Sports Information

Senior Jason Fischer helped the Mounties through a hard schedule in Florida with his offensive skills.

formance going 3-3 for Mansfield.

The Mounties went into their game on March 5 with a thirst for victory against Northwestern and Dakota State. In game one with Northwestern, Cronin won his first game of the year with a 9-6 decision. He fanned eight and walked only one batter in his seven innings of play. In the first inning, Mansfield exploded with five runs with another run in the second. Fischer pounded a home run in the sixth inning going 3-3 on the day with two runs batted in. "We gradually improved at the end of the Florida trip," Fischer said.

Yoder earned his second win of the season during the night game against Dakota State. In relief of Rakaczewski, Yoder struck out seven while walking one. During his time in the game, Yoder gave up one hit. In the bottom of the seventh, Manwaring smashed a single. Brett Shockloss came in as a pinch runner for Manwaring. Shockloss then stole second and moved to

third on Kochenderfer's sac bunt. Aaron Kilgo singled in Evans for the game winning run. "We did really good while playing a very tough schedule this season," Kilgo said. "I need to work on my hitting, personally, but the team is doing well."

Mansfield was given March 6 off as they took the day for themselves to get ready for their next game on March 7. Yoder again showed Fort Myers that he meant business on the mound. He went six innings allowing one earned run with three strikeouts and seven hits. However, the Mounties fell to Ashland University, 6-0. Mansfield managed four hits but left eight runners on the bases.

Fischer was Mansfield's powerhouse on March 8. His grand slam helped lead the Mounties to a 15-7 slaughter over West Liberty. Papi improved his record to 3-0 on the season despite a rough first inning. Papi had two strikeouts and did not walk a batter. For the

Mountaineers, Brown gutted a two run homer in the second inning. He went 3-4 against West Liberty with two RBIs. Fischer also went 3-4 with a double, home run, and five runs batted in for Mansfield. In game two of the series, the Mounties dropped the decision, 6-2. Allegretto allowed one earned run while fanning six Liberty batters over five and a third innings of play. Mills and Evans both cracked doubles as Fischer continued his dominance. In the second inning, Fischer produced both of Mansfield's runs with his single.

For their final game of NCAA Division II hardball, the Mounties proved that they would not come home without a final win in Florida. And that they did. Mansfield scored ten runs in the first inning. All the runs they needed to win over Ashland University came in the top of the first as 14 Mounties went to bat.

Manwaring belted his first home run this season as he led Mansfield's fourth inning of play. Manwaring also had three RBIs and a double. Evans went 3-5 against Ashland as Rearick smacked two hits for the Mountaineers. Cronin began the game for Mansfield but was later replaced by Rakaczewski. To maintain the win for the Mounties, Yoder entered the game in the seventh, putting the finishing touches on the Mounties' final game.

"If everyone does their part, we will win a lot of games," Kilgo said. "We have to work together and pick ourselves up to win. That is what we're doing."

The Mounties ended their trip with an 8-6 record on the season thus far. Mansfield has the confidence and ability to continue their "tradition of excellence." Since this is the last season for both Aaron Kilgo and Jason Fischer, they are "doing the most they can for the team to help them win."

"I hope to go back to playoffs, reach regionals and the world series," Fischer said.

Mansfield will travel to Shepherd College in West Virginia this weekend.

This Week In Sports...March Mayhem

By **JOE "UGO" BARBANO**
Flashlight Sports Writer

With all the scandals erupting around the NCAA in recent weeks, this year's Championship Tournament could easily be renamed "March Mayhem."

On Sunday, the Board of Directors at St. Bonaventure asked for and received the immediate resignation of president Robert Wickenheiser.

At the same time, they placed Athletic Director Gothard Lane, Head Basketball Coach Jan van Breda Kolff and Assistant Coach Kort Wickenheiser (yes, the president's son) on "administrative leave," pending the outcome of an investigation of the program that allowed Jamil Terrell to transfer to into the university on the academic strength of a Welder's Certificate.

Thus far, the Bonnies have forfeited six games, and the

remaining players have decided not to play the two remaining games on their schedule.

They are also disqualified from the Atlantic 10 Conference tournament. It is entirely possible that, as a result of the scandal, the Bonnies could be dropped from the Atlantic 10 altogether.

In another brewing scandal, the Georgia Bulldogs will make their "March Mayhem" run under a cloud of suspicion. Assistant Coach Jim Harrick, Jr. was fired from the University last week, the result of allegations brought forth by former Bulldog Tony Cole. Cole alleges that the junior Harrick, son of Georgia's Head Coach, paid off bills and did homework for Cole while he was a "student-athlete" at the school. Cole also says that he took a course in coaching that

didn't exist from Harrick, Jr.

Meanwhile, the NCAA is looking into a number of possible violations committed by the senior Harrick during his tenure as Head Coach at Rhode Island. The allegations include grade fixing and arranging for cars and housing to be supplied to the players by University boosters.

Trouble is nothing new to Harrick, Sr., either. He was fired from UCLA for filing false expense reports - an allegation URI is also looking into. The apple, indeed, falls close to the tree, doesn't it?

When the Atlanta Falcons signed free agent WR Peerless Price last Friday, many pundits quickly anointed the Falcons as definite Super Bowl contenders.

What? Sure, Price is a valuable addition, and QB Michael Vick is an extraordinary talent, and

together they could be a great pitch-and-catch combination eventually. In order for that to happen though, Vick must become more patient in the pocket and needs to improve his consistency.

Consider also that Price's 94 catches in Buffalo last season were due, in large part, to his pairing with the Bills' number one WR Eric Moulds.

The Falcons still need another receiver, since Price is sure to draw almost constant double coverage.

The real winner in the Peerless Price deal was Buffalo GM Tom Donahoe. In return for Price, whom Donahoe tagged as a franchise player, Buffalo receives Atlanta's first round pick (number 23 overall) in the April draft. In addition, the trade freed

another \$5.5 million for the Bills, putting them nearly \$12 million against the projected salary cap. Once the deal was done, Donahoe promptly signed LB Takeo Spikes to a lucrative offer sheet. Spikes, whom Cincinnati tagged as a transition player, is anxious to leave the Bengals, and it is unlikely that the ever-frugal Mike Brown will match Buffalo's offer.

As if the cash weren't enough of a lure for Spikes, Donahoe finalized a deal that brings former Cincy Head Coach Dick LeBeau, the architect of the "Zone Blitz," to the Buffalo coaching staff.

Still pending: a possible deal with Oakland DT Sam Adams. With all that room under the salary cap, Donahoe can only enhance his reputation as one of the premier "wheeler-dealers" in the NFL.

Mounties all even after Florida

By **GREGORY PELLEGRINO**
Flashlight Sports Co-Editor

After weeks of training and preparation the Mansfield University softball team finally was able to start the 2003 season.

While everyone was home or on vacation spring break the Mounties were down in Florida taking care of some business along with catching some sun.

For the Mounties first game of the season they squared off against Walsh University. Walsh scored the first two runs of the game in the first inning to jump ahead early on the Mounties 2-0. The Mounties responded with a run in the bottom half of the second inning, but Walsh came right back scoring two more runs in the top half of the third. Junior Liz Lyon pitched 2.2 innings while giving up only four runs. She was later relieved by Alison Tagliaferri.

Mansfield trailed 5-2 in the bottom half of the fifth when freshman Kristen Dean belted a two-run single to bring the Mounties within

one. Despite the late comeback, the Mounties fell in their season opener, 5-4.

The Mounties' next game featured freshman Kristen Dean making her collegiate debut on the mound. Mansfield jumped out early on Southern Virginia scoring eight runs in the first three innings. Sophomores Jaclyn Laskowski and Nancy Quinn combined for four hits, three RBIs and two runs scored in the Mounties 9-1 win over Southern Virginia. Dean pitched a complete game striking out five in her first collegiate win.

In game two, the Mounties were not as successful as they were in game one. Mansfield faced off against Northwood University only to lose, 5-1. Freshman Kris Kelly scored the Mounties' only run going two for three with her first collegiate home run.

On March 5, the Mounties played a double header against Eureka College which featured both their offense and defense. In game one, the Mounties' offense

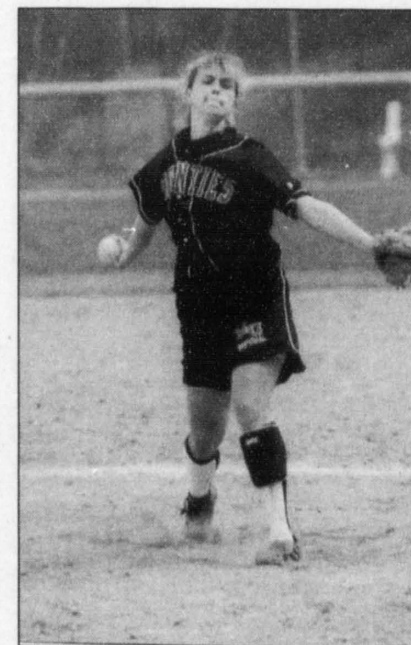
came to life early, scoring six runs in the first three innings. Eureka was unable to rebound as Dean again went the distance holding Eureka to just two runs.

The Mounties put the icing on the cake when Kelly hit her second home run of the spring, this time a grand slam, securing the Mounties 11-2 whitewashing of Eureka college.

In the second game the Mounties relied on their defense and pitching. Again the Mounties jumped out to an early 3-1 lead which would be enough as senior Heather Bensinger and Lyon combined for a one-hitter in the Mounties 3-1 victory over Eureka.

"This is the strongest team that I've have been on in my three years here," said Lyon. "This team has so much talent and as long as we stick together we're going to be a hard team to beat."

The Mounties finished their Florida trip this past Thursday when they took on the University of West Florida.



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Despite the recent success the Mounties' offense has had, their bats were shut down as West Florida went on to shut out Mansfield, 8-0.

Mansfield ends their Florida trip with a 3-3 record and will play again on Saturday at Virginia Union. The Mounties will make their home debut March 26 against the Red Raiders of Shippensburg.

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Mounties end memorable season

By JENNIFER A. NELSON

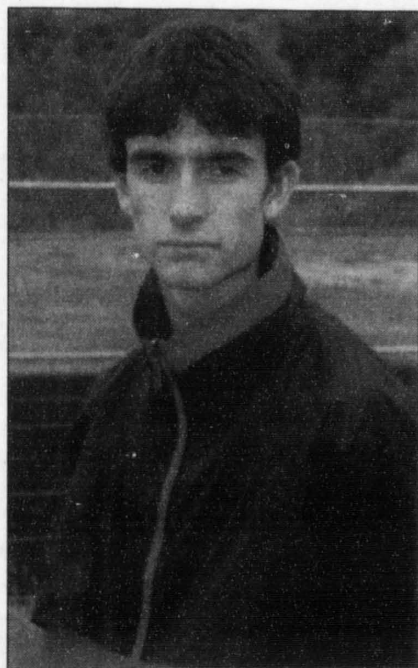
Flashlight Sports Co-Editor

The Mansfield Mountaineers traveled to East Stroudsburg University on March 1 for the PSAC Indoor Track and Field Championship.

While the students left campus for spring break, the Mounties' track team was one of several athletic teams to work in overtime during the break.

This year, both the men and women's teams were expected to place well and represent Mansfield in good showing at PSAC competition. After day one of PSAC events on March 1, the women ran to a sixth place spot. Their distance medley relay team that includes Charity Learn, Stephanie Cadwell, Kimberly Short and Theresa Stanford won the event, demolishing the team's record of 12:51.50. This first place finish marks the first time a Mountie women's relay team won a PSAC track championship.

The women also added a fourth



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place victory in the 4x800 meter relay. The team of Stephanie Cadwell, Sarah Moore, Theresa Stanford and Kimberly Short ran a school record of 9:52.48.

For the men's effort, Aaron Fiacconi placed sixth in the weight throw competition. Fiacconi's toss marked a 47-05 throw. The men's

4x800 relay team also set a school record like the women. Luke Walker, Keith Drummond, Rich Correll and Jordann Smith ran the relay in 8:17.63.

On day two of PSAC competition, Charity Learn was once again in the spotlight. Learn ran two tough events - the 3,000 meters and the mile - helping the women place eighth overall on March 2 at East Stroudsburg. Learn finished the 3,000 meter run at 10:30.74 just two hours after her mile, which she had a time of 5:21.05.

Mansfield had a total of 22 points that put them in a three-way tie with West Chester and Millersville.

The men's team placed 11th overall at East Stroudsburg. Jay Blozousky earned 3,069 points as he finished eighth in the pentathlon event. Josh Wooten also found himself in the eighth spot with his 3,000 meter competition. His time marked 8:55.67. Wooten then ran the mile in 4:30.86 for a ninth place finish.

The Mountaineers finished their indoor track season breaking and setting many school records. With an outstanding performance during cross country on an individual and team basis, the indoor track team kept that feat alive.

With that, we will see the start of the outdoor track and field season on April 5 against the Golden Bears of Kutztown University as they take it one stride after another.



SHORT



Sports Information

On the sidelines: Travis Wurster

By MICHAEL PETERS

Flashlight Sports Writer

The Mansfield University Mountaineer baseball team will start this season with many years of experience and high expectations.

Last year's Mounties won 41 games and took home the PSAC East Division. They also finished third in the North Atlantic Region. Head Coach Harry Hillson will have a solid infield to work with, headed by sophomore shortstop, Travis Wurster.

Mike Peters: Who is Travis Wurster?

Travis Wurster: I am a 20-year-old sophomore from Montoursville, Pa.

MP: Why did you attend Mansfield?

TW: I came here for Education and Baseball.

MP: How long have you played baseball?

TW: I have played for about 14 years.

MP: What position do you play?

TW: I am the starting Shortstop.

MP: What is your favorite part of baseball?

TW: I love the competition.

MP: What is your favorite part of Mountie baseball?

TW: I love the brotherhood that my teammates and I share.

MP: How is the teams' chemistry on the field?

TW: Our chemistry is great. We know where everyone is on the field and it pays off.

MP: What is the most important factor to winning on the field?

TW: You've got to be team oriented. Our best hitter can go 5 for 5 with five home runs, but if no one else hits and our pitchers aren't getting the job done, we are going to lose the game.

MP: Who is your favorite baseball team?

TW: I'd have to say the Atlanta Braves, but I do like the New York Mets.

MP: I understand the Mets, but why the Braves?

TW: I grew up in the early 90's, and those years belonged to the Braves.

MP: Who is your favorite player of all time and why?

TW: My two favorite players are Lou Gherig and Rey Ordonez. Gherig was there for the game; not the paycheck. Ordonez isn't afraid to get dirty and make the extra effort.

MP: Do you like the Designated Hitter rule?

TW: Well, it helps us out because [Jason Manwaring] is one of our better hitters, but in the pro's, I think it takes away from the game. When you have the pitcher in the lineup, there is more strategy involved.

MP: What are your predictions for MLB this season?

TW: From the AL, either the Angels or Athletics. From the NL, the Braves or the Mets.

MP: What do you want to do when you "grow up"?

TW: I'd like to keep playing baseball, but if that doesn't work out, I want to teach and definitely coach baseball.

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Mounties fall short in pursuit of PSACs

By GREGORY PELLEGRINO

Flashlight Sports Co-Editor

Everything had fallen into place for the Mansfield University women's basketball team who were on the verge of making the PSAC playoffs for the first time in school history.

With two games remaining, the Kutztown Golden Bears needed to lose their final two games, and the Mounties needed to win out.

On Feb. 26, the Mounties played host to the Warriors of East Stroudsburg at Decker Gym.

The Mounties jumped out to an 18-5 lead midway through the first half and didn't stop with their offensive assault.

They would jump out to a 53-27 point lead in the second half and didn't look back as they easily defeated the Warriors 74-55. At the same time the Golden Bears traveled to West Chester to take on the Golden Rams.

West Chester easily defeated Kutztown 60-33 and kept Mansfield's playoff hopes alive for another day.

On March 1, both the Mounties and Golden Bears were in action looking to lock-in the fourth and final playoff spot in the PSAC Eastern division. The Golden Bears played host to the Marauders of Millersville.

The Marauders jumped out to an early 24-12 lead entering halftime. The Marauders wouldn't look back as they went on to a 48-41 victory over Kutztown, possibly

ending the Golden Bears playoff chances.

At the same time the Mounties were playing host to the East's best team, the Golden Rams of West Chester.

The Mounties started the game off on a hot start going on a 16-7 run over the first six minutes of the game. They would increase their lead when senior Allyson Buss popped a three pointer to give the Mounties a 30-16 lead with seven minutes remaining in the first half.

The Golden Rams would bring the game to within ten prior to halftime as the Mounties' lead dropped to 35-25.

West Chester carried that run to start off the second half on a three-point momentum with a 20-10 run to tie the game at 45.

The Mounties would take over the lead with just over nine minutes remaining in the game off a jump shot by freshman Danna Purnell.

West Chester, though would regain the lead 64-59 with just under four minutes to play in the game.

Mansfield pulled to within three when Buss stole the ball and scored to cut the Golden Rams lead to 64-61.

West Chester added to their lead with 1:35 when Kiesha Mack, who scored 20 points, hit a three pointer to increase the lead to six and another five points off free throws in a 20 second period secured the win for the Golden Rams.

West Chester would go on to win 73-63 ending Mansfield's season without a visit to the PSAC's.

"We had the momentum at halftime," said Mosley. "We were up ten and then coming out of halftime they pulled closer and we lost the momentum. When you have a team score point after point after point it brings down your momentum."

In their final game, seniors Allyson Buss scored 23 points ending her career as third leading scorer in school history with 1,174. Lynelle Mosley scored 11 points along with seven assists giving her a career total of 1,110 points ranking seventh all time in Mountie history.

"Points and statistics don't begin to describe the contributions Allyson and Lynelle have made to this program," said coach Ruth Henderson. "They are leaders who have sacrificed throughout their careers to make us a better program and they have achieved that goal. We are a much better program for having Allyson Buss and Lynelle Mosley play here."

Junior Rachel Rieder scored 11 points as well, along with a game high nine rebounds, while freshman Danna Purnell scored 10 points off the bench.

"[Allyson and Lynelle] paved the way for us," said Purnell on the Mounties' future. "I see us getting better. We fell short one game of making the playoffs. That shows how good we are. We'll def-



Gregory Pellegrino/Flashlight

Danna Purnell (10) scored 10 points off the bench in the Mounties season finale against West Chester.

initely make the playoffs next year, we have too much talent not to."

With the win, the West Chester Golden Rams won the PSAC East crown going 11-1 in conference play.

The Mounties end the 2002-2003 season with the second most wins in school history going 11-15 and finish conference play with a 5-7 which ties the school record for conference wins in a season.

"This has been the best team that I have played on in my four years," said Mosley. "We just needed to get over one more hurdle."

This season has been a memorable one. Allyson Buss and

Lynelle Mosley recording 1,000 points in their careers, second most wins in school history, tied the school record for most wins in conference play and now Danna Purnell being named PSAC East Rookie of the year.

The future looks bright for the Mountie basketball team.

"No doubt we'll be better next season," said sophomore Stephanie Rieser. "Next year we'll get [Alison Tagliaferri] back and we have more experience especially with the younger players. This season we made huge steps to making the playoffs, but it was disappointing that we didn't make our goal."

The Mounties have one more hurdle to jump come next season.



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Jessica Pfeiffer (12) and Rachel Rieder (42) team up on defense against West Chester on March 1.

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Mounties are *IN*credible

Mansfield earns first playoff birth in two years

By SARAH STOERMER
Flashlight Sports Writer

The Mansfield University Men's Basketball team took West Chester down gaining momentum that threw them the PSAC Playoff.

Brett Longpre' sunk a game high of 31 points, including four free throws in the final 11 seconds of the game, leading the Mountaineers to a 72-70 victory over West Chester in the final game of the regular season; which was held March 1, 2003 in Decker Gymnasium.

The game was a nail-biter with West Chester taking a 38-33 lead at halftime. In the first four minutes of the second half the Mansfield went on a 7-0 run to take a 40-38 lead on a jumper by Longpre'. Mansfield and West Chester rallied throughout the entire contest.



Sports Information
Brett Longpre' led the Mounties with 31 points against West Chester on March 1.

With 5:18 remaining on the clock Kris Gibbs-Smith sunk a pair of free throws bringing Mansfield to a 62-55 advantage.

With :22 left to play West Chester cut the lead to 68-67. Longpre' hit four free throws to give the Mountaineers a five point cushion before West Chester nabbed a 3-pointer just before the buzzer sounded.

Longpre' played a solid game. He recorded his fourth double double of the season with 11 rebounds along with his 31 points.

Bill McNeil was a key player as well nabbing 17 points for last year.

This game also marked Senior Day at Decker Gymnasium. Jason Clayton and Jason Mattern were honored in a pre-game ceremony.

A proud head coach Vince Alexander said, "I'm so proud of these guys. Our seniors have worked so hard to get us here and it feels great for them to go out as a playoff team."

Prior to their win on Saturday the Mountaineers had clinched a playoff spot when East Stroudsburg defeated Cheyney on Friday night. But the Mountaineers were single-minded and did not just back into a playoff spot.

"I have to admit, I was a little relieved to hear the score (East Stroudsburg 83, Cheyney 82) last night," said Alexander. "But our guys were determined that nobody could say we backed into the playoffs. West Chester is one of the top teams in the East Region and our guys



Gregory Pellegrino/Flashlight
Bill McNeil backs in during the Mounties win against West Chester on March 1.

earned some respect on the court today."

The Mountaineers head into the Playoffs 17-10 overall. This season has been one of their strongest since they captured their fifth PSAC crown in 1997 with 26-4 mark. Mountaineer defense ball over the last three games holding opponents to 39.2% (67-171) from the floor.

Brett Longpre' and Bill McNeil combined for 36 points in the quarterfinals of the PSAC Championship Tournament in Pucillo Gymnasium at Millersville on March 4. Despite the strong efforts by Longpre and McNeil, Mansfield fell 83-63.

The Mountaineers started off strong rushing out to a 12-4 run to open the game. Longpre' hit a 3-pointer a short three minutes into the contest.

The Mountaineers had a 15-8 advantage on a jumper by Ian Connor until Millersville went on a 15-0 run taking a 23-15 lead at the 8:32 mark. Millersville continued adding to its lead leaving the court at intermission with 47-32 on the scoreboard.

Longpre' continued to dazzle spectators scoring 17 of his 19 points in the first half.

McNeil and Ian Connor were strong scoring players as well. McNeil scored 12- of his 17 points in the second half while Connor added 9.

Mansfield ends the season with a 17-11 record. The Mountaineers will continue to train hard in the off-season.

So, Mountie fans get ready for the good times waiting in Mountaineer Country next season.

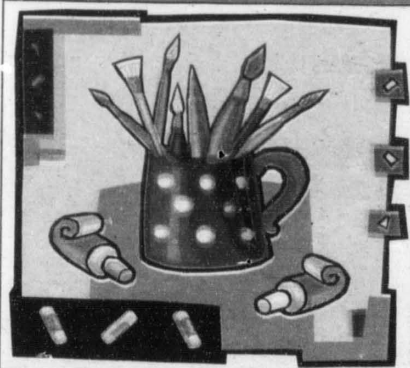


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Bill McNeil (20) and Robert Carter (21) helped lead the Mounties to a 72-70 victory over West Chester.



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Vocal group Chanson to perform

By RACHEL ADAMS

Flashlight News Editor

The all-male vocal group Chanson will be appearing in Steadman Theatre at 7 p.m. Friday, bringing to end the third annual Young Men's Choral Festival.

The festival, sponsored by the Mansfield University chapter of the American Choral Directors' Association (ADCA), begins at 9:30 Friday morning in Butler Center. 125 students representing 25 different junior high school choruses will spend the day rehearsing, attending a master class taught by Chanson, and observing MU choral ensembles. There will be a concert at 4 p.m. featuring the young men's chorus and the MU Men's Chorus.

The idea was hatched three years ago when a member of ACDA realized that the junior high years are the toughest years for a male vocalist to go through. To that end, the festival was organized to show young men that it's okay to keep singing even though they might be encountering some vocal difficulties. The festival is a day where young men can sing with-

out worrying that they'll be made fun of or put down. By watching college-level men perform, the students also realize that music is a lifelong passion, one that doesn't end after they graduate high school.

"It's great that we give these young men the opportunity to come together and sing without worrying of what other people may think," said Jeff Brunner, chairperson of the choral festival committee.

In the past, Dr. Peggy Dettwiler, director of choral activities at MU, has led the festival, but this year, Dave Dietz is the guest conductor. Dietz is set to take charge of ACDA state when Dettwiler's reign as president ends in July. He is a music instructor from Central Dauphin high school in Harrisburg; several students in the music program at MU had him as an instructor in high school.

Chanson, a seven-member ensemble described as "a fresh, young and enthusiastic all-male vocal chamber group," hails from Moorhead, Minnesota, where they met at Concordia College. Since



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their formation, they have released two CD's and given performances all throughout the midwestern United States.

Their concerts feature a wide variety of musical styles, among them, folk songs, Renaissance motets, and energetic spirituals.

"I'm really excited about the group coming: they're wonderful role models for these students," Brunner said.

The concert is free and open to everyone. All are welcome and encouraged to attend a night of musical bliss.

Students debate possibility of war

By CHRISTOPHER SHADLE

Flashlight Writer

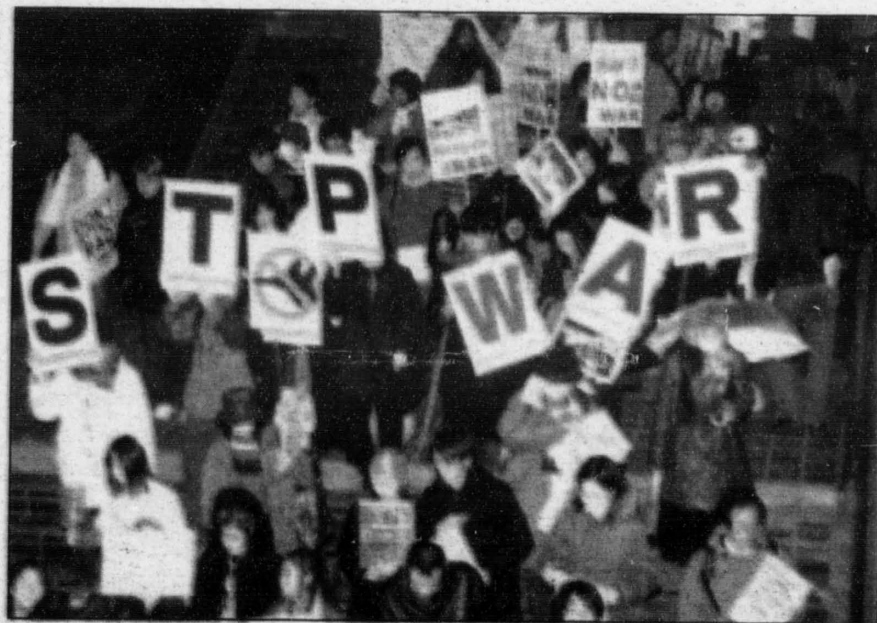
Students gathered in Allen Hall on March 12 to debate the pros and cons of a probable war with Iraq. Juniors Richard McCoy and Jamie Hojnoski spoke in favor of going to war while sophomores Dan Bechtel and Josh Warner spoke in opposition. Moderated by Dr. Constance Sullivan-Blum, each participant was given 10 minutes to present their case followed by a two-minute rebuttal from each of the panelists.

The forum focused on six essential questions when deciding whether or not to engage in a pre-emptive war with Iraq: First and foremost, does Iraq pose a threat?

Is there convincing evidence of a terrorist link with Saddam Hussein's regime? What impact will a war have on the United States? Will stability in a post-war Iraq be achieved and maintained by the victors and will it be a blessing or a burden, and finally what are the humanitarian questions and issues of engaging in a war, which will undoubtedly involve civilian casualties?

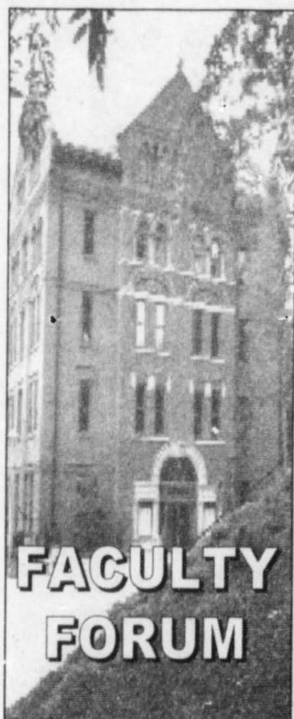
Each of the panelists presented their cases with compelling arguments for both sides of the issue. Bechtel spoke of the economic impact of war stating that estimates of the cost of war have been quoted

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Students protest an impending war with Iraq at last weekend's peace rally in Washington, D.C.



Dr. Lynn Pifer, Languages and Literature, presented her paper "Thulani Davis's 1959: Telling a Transformative Tale of the Civil Rights Movement" on a panel entitled: "Focus on the Folk: African-American Women Writers Critique Civil Rights Leadership Styles" at the 20th Century Literature Conference at the University of Louisville on February 27. On March 8, Dr. Pifer presented her paper: "The Personal is Pedagogical: Teaching Women's Civil Rights Autobiographies" at the Sarah Lawrence College's 5th Annual Women's History Conference: "Sisters in Struggle: Honoring Women Veterans of the Modern Civil Rights Movement".

Abe Ghods, Business and Economics, spoke at a workshop in "Effective Management" on March 13 in the Technology Center in Memorial Hall. The Workshop was a community service and the proceeds went to benefit the Mansfield Chamber of Commerce.

Dr. Ted Ryan, Criminal Justice, presented his article "The Theology of Terror" and discussed his book "The Theology of Crime" as a Treble Foundation speaker in Sayre on February 7. Dr. Ryan's fourth book, "Probation and Police" and three monographs on psychological and forensic assessment, analysis, classification and treatment are available at the campus bookstore.

Dr. Scott Thornsley, Criminal Justice, was quoted in an article entitled: "Fewer crime statistics filed after switch to Internet - decrease blamed on lack of resources, abruptness of change" in the Allentown Morning Call on February 24.

Dr. Mark-Daniel Schmid, Music, had his paper: "Stop, Thief! Or Whose Music Is It Anyways?" accepted for a conference on film music to be held at Stanford University May 1 to 4. The title of the conference is "Reviewing the Canon: Borrowed Music in Films".

Deborah Cleveland, Academic Advising Center, attended the "Severe Weather Spotter" course presented by David Ondrejik, Warning Coordination Meteorologist from the National Weather Service in State College on March 4. Deb serves the Tioga County Chapter of the American Red Cross as a Disaster Services Volunteer.

Dr. Dennis Murray, Psychology, will be presenting a Faculty Lecture Series on Thursday at 3:30 p.m. in Alumni Hall, Multipurpose Room (307) entitled: "College Student Leadership Development". He will give an overview of conceptual and applied approaches to student leadership development and also explore opportunities to further emphasize leadership development at MU. The Faculty Lecture Series is sponsored by the Office of the Provost.

Faculty and staff items of interest to the campus community should be sent to scarrish@mnsfld.edu. Items will be limited only by space and clarity.

POLICE BEAT

March 12, 2003 - Theft: A Mansfield student reported that his upper division parking permit was stolen from his vehicle while it was parked in C-Lot. Value of the permit is \$50.

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Info-to-Go Campus Bulletin Board

★ **HBT B-PARADE 2003**, HBT's annual cult movie marathon, returns, kicking off with an encore screening of the hit student film *Somnambulist*, and a host of other hard-to-find favorites. The free event will be held in Allen Auditorium on Friday at 8 p.m. and Saturday at 12 p.m.

★ A limited number of **full-time summer employment opportunities** are available for returning students this year. There are a variety of jobs from maintenance to office positions. If you're interested, please see Chris Vaughn in the Student Financial Planning Office, 104 Alumni Hall, as soon as possible.

★ **Women's History Movie Night** presents *The Color Purple* on March 20. The movie will show in Allen Auditorium at 8 p.m. Sponsored by the History Club and SAO.

★ Celebrate Women's History Month tonight in the AHSC Multipurpose room at 7 p.m. Everyone is invited! For more information contact Jan Yoder at jyoder@mnsfld.edu.

★ The Advocacy Association will be sponsoring a **karaoke/casino night** tonight from 8 to 11:30 p.m. at the Hut. The event is free, and there will be tons of cool door prizes, including a "laundry kit" and a "roommate survival kit." Contact Elizabeth Shaffer at x4939 for more information.

★ A **support group** for members of the Mansfield University community who are dealing with the stresses of having family or friends deployed for the war has been formed. Meetings will be Mondays at 3 p.m. in Pinecrest room 112. For more information, please contact Deb Casey at x4432, or Nicole Welshans at x6769. All are welcome, and we hope to see you there.

★ Every Wednesday from 7 to 10 p.m. a **billiards tournament** will be held in Alumni Hall Student Center.

★ **GEEK WEEK IS HERE!!** (March 17-March 22)

Announcements for *Info-to-Go* can be e-mailed to flashlit@mnsfld.edu and will be published on a first-come, first-served basis.

COME JOIN US FOR A WEEK AGAINST WAR

Monday, March 24: noon to 2 p.m. in Park Avenview - Poets Against War

Come join poets across the country who are reading poems against war. This is a national movement that began when Laura Bush rescinded her invitation to poets to come and read at the White House. Bring an anti-war poem to read -either yours or someone else's. Organized by Louise Sullivan-Blum (English), Judith Sornberger (English) and the students of MuXi, MU's literary organization.

Tuesday, March 25: 4 to 6 p.m. in Allen Hall Auditorium - The Hidden Wars of Desert Storm

A 60-minute film followed by a discussion moderated by Connie Sullivan-Blum. (Anthropology). This is a fast-paced, award-winning video-documentary on the Gulf War and the embargo over Iraq, including information on the Gulf War Syndrome and depleted uranium.

Wednesday, March 26: 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. in AHSC room 307 - Teach-in on 'The New Nuclear Threat'

Featuring professors Mike Chester (Physics), Frank Chua (History), Andrew Gaskiewicz (History), and Fereydoon Lealaz (Sociology). Moderated by Linda Rashidi (English). Come prepared to learn and ask questions.

Thursday, March 27: 7 to 9 p.m. in Allen Hall Auditorium - Women Facing War

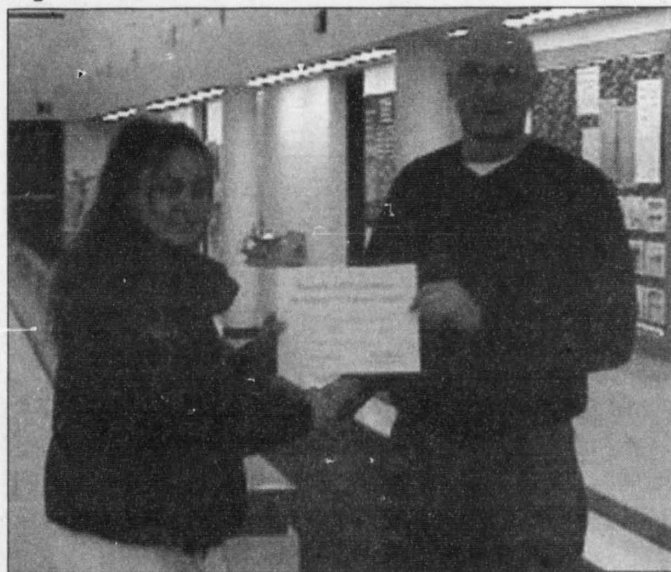
A 33-minute film followed by discussion. This film reveals the devastating effects of war on eleven women around the world.

Kelchner Fitness Center welcomes 333,334th visitor

Since it opened in the summer of 1997, the Kelchner Fitness Center at Mansfield University continues to grow in popularity and adds to the wellness of the campus community. The center welcomed its one-third millionth visitor on Monday, March 10.

According to figures kept by Recreation Director Hugh Schintzius, the honor of being the 333,334th person to use the campus facility belongs to Melinda Moseley, a sophomore International Business major from Reading, PA. She was presented a certificate by Schintzius to mark the occasion.

In addition to helping meet the daily fitness needs of Mansfield students, faculty, staff and community members, the center, named for former MU President Rod Kelchner, also hosts several camps, wellness fairs, high school post-graduation celebrations, blood drives and other events each year.



MU PUBLIC RELATIONS
Recreation Director Hugh Schintzius presents a certificate to Melinda Moseley.

Art influences from around the world

By ERIN EBERLY

Flashlight Writer

Students at Mansfield University will get to experience a hands-on look at various types of art from around the world on Friday during Multicultural Arts Day.

Sponsored by the Mansfield University Art Department, the arts day will feature morning and afternoon workshops that will allow participants to try a variety of different arts themselves. On the morning schedule are workshops about Chinese brush painting, a type of German folk art called Fracturs, African mud cloth design, and Mohawk Native American beadwork.

Between the morning and afternoon workshops, speaker Cathy Joselyn will give a presentation titled, "Children of the Inca: An Artist's Response to Andean Life," in Allen Hall Auditorium. Promptly following will be an Asian buffet lunch in Manser Dining Hall.

The second half of the day con-

sists of four more workshops, including the completion of the Chinese brush painting workshop and a workshop about designing multicultural units. There will also be a Pysanky egg decorating workshop and Joselyn will be giving a workshop on Asante Adrinkra printed cloth from Ghana.

Anyone who is interested is welcome to attend the arts day, although Mardi Whitehouse, of the art department, says it is geared toward area art teachers.

"We expect about half of the participants to be teachers and half to be students," she said.

Registration will be from 8:30 to 9:00 a.m. Friday, with a chance to enjoy coffee and pastries while viewing an exhibit of Mansfield University students' work. All of the events and workshops, as well as registration, will be held in Allen Hall. Some of the workshops will have a cost of five dollars because participants will be taking some of the art materials they use or make with them.

TO ALL FACULTY AND STUDENTS:

The bookstore is making a display to show the support of the Mansfield community for those involved in the military effort. They are now accepting pictures of military members who are family and friends of the students and employees of MU to include on this display. You can drop off your pictures at the bookstore at any time. Please include your name and phone number on the back so the picture can be returned. You can also include the soldier's name on the front if you'd like. The display can be seen in the last window of the bookstore. If you have any questions, please contact Nicole Welshans at x6769.

Denominations come together for night of fun at MU

By DAVID FETZER

Flashlight Writer

Mansfield University reached out to the community last Saturday by providing the use of Kelchner Fitness Center's facilities to area churches for their annual volleyball tournament.

"We [Covington Baptist Church] have been working with the university for about ten years now," said Terry Osborne, member of

Covington Baptist Church and event organizer. According to Osborne the purpose of the volleyball tournament is to reach out to the youth of the area churches.

"We invite about ten churches to bring their youth to participate in a volleyball tournament," said Osborne. "We split up the age groups into junior and senior high divisions and then spread the talent around so that every team has an

equal chance at winning the tournament."

The volleyball tournament is not the only thing that these youth have to look forward to. The churches also provide music and entertainment, pizza and soda, and a guest speaker.

"This year's guest speaker is Volkmar Weis, a Calgary Seminary student from Germany," said Ted Rood, pastor at Covington Baptist

Church.

According to Rood, the main purpose of the night is to address the spiritual relationship the youth need to have with God.

"We have several adult supervisors here and they are all reaching out and ministering to the youth in one way or another," said Rood. "One of the nice things about having this event is that we are not focusing on just one denomination.

Everyone is invited to join in."

Covington Baptist Church has just acquired an assistant pastor, which will eventually start an on-campus ministry for students of Mansfield University. The night's events were sponsored and organized by members of the Covington Baptist Church.

WAR (cont.)

as high as \$200 billion, not including the cost of rebuilding a war torn Iraq. Attacking the Bush Administration's rhetoric that this is a war to liberate an oppressed people and to protect America,

Bechtel stated, "This is a war of choice, not of necessity." The true issue, according to Bechtel, is the decision of whether or not there is an imminent threat against the United States, and he feels that the president has not accurately proven that there is.

In stark contrast, McCoy posed the question: what standard should the United States use? He spoke of the national interest, and stated that the purpose of government is to ensure rights for all. Bringing freedom justifies our action in Iraq. To rebut the idea that the outlet of the United Nations and diplomacy has not been fully exhausted, McCoy stated, "An attack would be the end of 12 years of continued

hostilities in violation of the terms that Saddam Hussein signed at the end of the first Gulf War in 1991."

Several faculty and administration officials were present at the debate, including MU President John Halstead. Panelists from both sides of the argument fielded questions from the audience, sometimes in favor and other times in opposition to the war. However, it appeared that McCoy and Hojnoski were continuously forced to defend their position more so than were Bechtel and Warner.

Blum stated that it is important for all Americans to lobby their elected representatives and she gave the following contact numbers: For Pennsylvania residents: Representative John Peterson, (202) 225-5121 or (814) 827-3985. U.S. Senator Arlen Specter, (202) 224-4254, and U.S. Senator Rick Santorum, (202) 224-6324. For New York residents:

Representative Amo Houghton, (202) 225-3161 or (607) 937-3333. U.S. Senator Charles Schumer, (202) 224-6542 and U.S. Senator Hillary Clinton, (202) 224-4451.

When talking about the importance of civic authority, Justice Robert H. Jackson once said, "It is not the function of our government to keep the citizen from falling into error; it is the function of the citizen to keep the government from falling into error."




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Students learn a dozen ways to beat stress

By HILLARY GRUMBINE

Flashlight Writer

The Women's Center, run by Elizabeth Shaffer, has had a busy semester so far. With various lecturers coming in and supporting artists, as well as plays on campus, they still manage to beat stress. "A Dozen Ways to Beat Stress" is the title of their newest series, one that's becoming popular to students this semester.

The series takes place in the Women's Center, 102 Pinecrest, and is held once in the afternoon, 12:30 until 1:30 p.m. and once at night, 7 until 8 p.m. The afternoon shows is mainly to reach out to those who have prior commitments at night. The activities are for faculty, staff and students, both male and female.

Jan. 21 kicked off the Stress events with yoga instructed by Jeannie Gaugler. Herbs for Health, an overview of herbs as a way to relieve stress was led by Karen Cook and Time Management was taught by Lou Labuski-Brown. "The time management lecture was helpful because I have difficulty managing my time," said Jackie Gulamali, a freshman who attended the event. After a slow start with those, the guided meditation by Liz

Shaffer had a pretty good turn out.

On Feb. 18, Mary Lou Stroud gave information about massages as well as five minute chair massages to those who attended the event. It was probably the most popular event in the stress series thus far. The 7 p.m. event had sixteen people attending and the afternoon event had about six.

Exercise with Chris Faulk followed the massage event. Faulk taught how to manage stress with exercise and various types of routines. The drumming circle last week had a smaller turn out. Two music therapy students led the night event and Andrew Suebert led the afternoon event. The students had the participants "talk" through the drums, tell about their day and just a jam session to relieve some stress.

"As I walked down my 'shortcut' through Pinecrest last Tuesday evening my ears were greeted with the melodic yet chaotic sound of drums. I knew in an instant it had to be an evening activity in the Women's Center. I stopped for a moment, as tired as I was from my stressful and long day and was invited in to a 'Drum Circle' to relive my day by communicating through the rhythmic patterns of

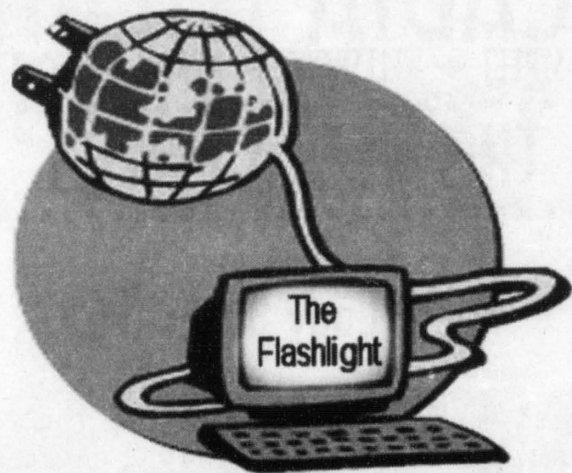
the drum. It was very interesting to see how different people expressed their own individual days via the drums. I would encourage all students to come out to these evening activities to relieve stress and examine the child within us all," said David O' Dell, a student and drum circle participant.

On March 11, Chip Hollister

talked about nice ways to say no and being assertive, thus leaving only five more events for the stress series.

Next week, Deb Casey and Courtney Murphy will be discussing spiritual resources and how to tap into your inner strength. The week after that Casey will be back to talk about playing and taking time for yourself.

Dr. Kathy Wright will also be leading a discussion on April 8 about diet, nutrition and eating healthy to feel good. There will also be an event on humor and how to relieve stress with it. Following that, Liz Shaffer will wrap up the events with an instruction on timely tips and an overview of the events this semester.



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Movie Review: Willard

By ANDRE BENNETT

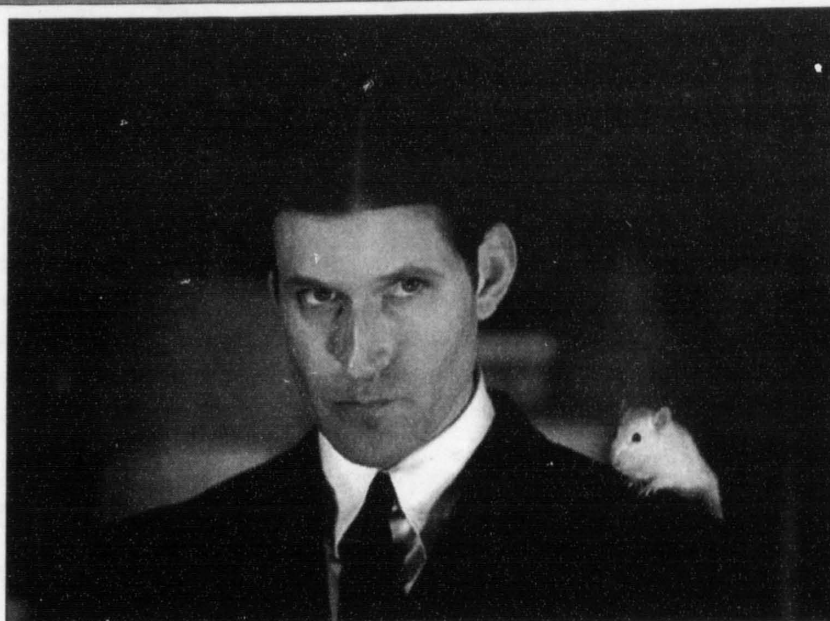
Flashlight Writer

Willard is a movie that, for all its creepiness, is never truly scary for long. Writer/director Glen Morgan (Final Destination, The One) creates an unearthly mood worthy of a Tim Burton picture, and Crispin Glover's brilliantly expressive performance goes a long way towards sustaining that mood. However, it isn't as horrifying as you would expect.

The titular character never seems to get a break. His ailing mother (Jackie Burroughs) is still in control of his life, and his slimy boss (R. Lee Ermey) verbally abuses him at every turn. Willard has no friends, but that soon changes when he catches a rat in the basement. Although he dislikes rats, he shows mercy to this particular creature, an Albino Norwegian rat he names Socrates. Willard takes a liking to Socrates, who becomes his best friend. Soon, he learns how to communicate with other rats, and he trains them to move and attack on command. One rat, however, defies Willard's authority at every turn. This is Ben, an African Gambian rat that is easily the size of a small cat.

Much of the film revolves around Willard's friendship with Socrates and his mutually antagonistic relationship towards Ben. One of the movie's greatest strengths is its ability to establish distinctive personalities for the main rat characters. Ben especially makes his presence felt, thanks to Morgan's use of close-ups on the surly-looking creature. Morgan also demonstrates Ben's manipulative nature in scenes where he uses the rat legions to cause havoc in Willard's house. A particularly great shows Ben orchestrating a particularly nasty deed with Michael Jackson's '70s hit, "Ben" (a song written for the sequel to the original 1971 *Willard*).

To be completely honest, the relationship between Willard, Socrates, and Ben is the most intriguing aspect of the movie. *Willard's* other



Crispin Glover, pictured above, costars with a legion of rats in the psychological thriller *Willard*.

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human characters are pretty one-dimensional, although that isn't meant to take away from the quality of the cast. Jackie Burroughs is quite disturbing as Willard's emaciated mother, a picture of what Norman Bates' mother might have looked like in her later years. Mrs. Stiles is easily the most disgusting character I've seen in a motion picture within the last few years, and most likely the most disgusting there will ever be this year, even more so than the rats.

Willard's co-workers are portrayed by R. Lee Ermey as Willard's amoral boss, Frank Martin and Laura Elena Harring as the beautiful new temp, Cathryn. Martin had a partnership with Willard's father, until he bought the other half of the company from Mr. Stiles. He keeps Willard on staff only as a

promise to Willard's late father, although it seems that his real purpose in retaining Willard may be to verbally deride him to no end. Cathryn, on the other hand, is caring and understanding, although her only function in this movie is to be, well, caring and understanding. It seemed to me that every one of Harring's scenes featured her checking in on her disturbed co-worker.

Crispin Glover, however, left the greatest mark on this film, even

more so than the flood of real, animatronic and computer-generated rats. His first few scenes are completely without dialogue, and yet his facial expressions seem to tell an entire story on their own. Well before he speaks his first line, we know everything we need to know about his character. We know he is a dutiful son, if grudgingly so, timid, thoughtful, yet in a state of perpetual discontent. When he does speak, it is never without a mass of tics and stuttering. I don't think there is a man alive who can nail that sort of role more than Crispin Glover, who played George McFly in *Back to the Future*. His casting is perfect.

Like I said, before, however, the biggest problem is that *Willard* never seems like a true horror film. *Willard* has twists, turns, and surprises, but its shocks are few. The killer rats are never used to the sort of effect you would expect from seeing the film's promotional campaign, and the gore is minimal at best. Still, as a psychological thriller, *Willard* is quite effective, sustaining its creepy vibe long enough to keep you just on the edge of your seat without jumping out.

Less stress, more games

By EZEKIEL GUSA

The Maneater (U. Missouri)

Parents have often deemed video games a useless waste of time. But according to a recent study conducted at Wheeling Jesuit University, video games may have significant medical value.

According to the study, the distraction video games provide is the key to pain relief. The study said games should have a similar effect on stress.

The study subjected undergraduates to a series of tests. First, students placed their hands in near-freezing water and measured how long they could keep them there. The same procedure repeated while the subject played a non-action video game, then while playing a "shoot-'em-up" game.

The students' pain threshold increased dramatically while they were playing the action game, said Wheeling professor of psychology



A recent study found that video games reduce stress.

Bryan Raudenbush, who conducted the study.

There was only a slight pain-threshold increase in the non-action game.

University of Missouri freshman Derek Hausman said games have been helping him relieve stress.

"It's so nice to just sit down, play video games, and just not think about anything else," he said. "Video games relieve any stress I have from school or other issues I may face."

Raudenbush said there should be plenty of practical applications of his findings.

"I'm hoping the findings of the study will be able to help children in pain," he said. "Hopefully, video games will be implemented in situations that may cause pain or anxiety such as the dentist, where headphones are already frequently used."

According to Raudenbush, parents who believe violent games could be detrimental to children should not be concerned.

"The desensitization with the violence in the games usually occurs after multiple exposures," he said.

MU professor of communications Debbie Dougherty said the frequency of violence in video games is where the problem lies.

"Video games are not all bad, but when they are played frequently alone or over the Internet, people begin to lose connections with their community," Dougherty said.

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Students learn storytelling art

By HILLARY GRUMBINE

Flashlight Writer

Sadly to say, I was sick for Jennifer Armstrong's lectures on Saturday night, however I did make it to her morning class on storytelling! At about 9:30 a.m. we all started on our journey to learn how to tell our own stories. It was interesting and informative, as well as a really good time. The class was small, only six people, but that's what made it more fun. Everyone was able to interact and talk with each other and comment on everyone's stories.

Armstrong had us break into groups of two and tell each other about "our places." These places were generally areas where we think or go to relax, a place to just be one with ourselves. Some chose simple bridges in the middle of nowhere, a crabapple tree from their youth that they used to love to climb or a rock they could sit on with the sun dappled on their arms through the trees. Then the people were to tell about the other ones place. It was interesting seeing how someone else could tell the same story you did.

We discussed stories we all loved as a child and how it can relate to who we are today. Stories like "The Carebears" and "The Littlest Angel" came up, as well as more traditional stories like "The Three Little Pigs." It's strange how years later, you can relate your life to a story you loved hearing as a child.

Armstrong gave us some book titles we might want to read as well. These books give advice like writing three pages per day or to have an "artist's day," which is a time where you spend at least two hours

by yourself, doing what you need or want to do for yourself. Also, one I intend to try sometime soon, is to write a half page third person biography of yourself. She told us that it's interesting what you find you've written when it's done.

Armstrong also had us break into groups of three and each person would tell a story about a memorial birthday party. Then each group would all pick one story to tell when the groups rejoined. Each person in the group would have to tell the story they'd chosen and try to own it. The other group would have to guess whose story it really was.

The other group chose this wonderful story with a great message attached. It was a lovely childhood story about learning that you can't force a magic moment to happen again, that it only comes once and if you try to recreate it, it's just not the same. It was a beautiful message for all that day. My group's story was actually a birthday story from college, just a funny story about a birthday spent laughing with friends over a brownie cake in flames. It's probably better not to ask about it.

Armstrong left us with some wonderful messages, some that we'd learned from our own stories and some that we learned from hers. She told us her daughter's cornerstone story, a story that you learned this great life lesson from that you can't forget, the pie story. In the end she says "You deserve all the sweetness life has to offer...when pie comes to you, eat it!"

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Random Ramblings

By RACHEL ADAMS ★
& COREY MEOLA ★
Flashlight News Editor and
Flashlight Writer

★ Thank you to everyone who restored my faith in my profession this week. I appreciate you all!

☞ I have discovered yet another way to laugh at the misfortune of others: the new Progressive insurance commercials. People falling and walking into things all over the place. It's great.

★ Commercial Rant of the Week: That T-Mobile commercial where the guy is singing in the car and his girlfriend makes fun of the fact that he's singing the wrong lyrics. *huge sigh* Okay, here we go. First of all, what the hell kind of sense does, "Pour some shook-up Ramen"

make? We aren't reading a recipe here. Secondly, if the girlfriend is so smart, why doesn't SHE know the words? Third of all...a library? Why would you call a library? That's such a waste of cell-phone minutes, but maybe she lives in a magical land where cell-phone minutes grow on trees. On an interesting side note, the Den has now started playing "Pour Some Sugar on Me," and I can't help laughing when I hear it.

☞ My new complaint is now directed to the people who drive around on campus. I think that, now that the walkers are doing their part, that we need to do ours. Slow down. The corner by Decker is dangerous and I would prefer not to get into a head-on collision with someone.

I would also prefer it if no more of my friends were hit by cars. (Be safe, Joe.)

★ Remember the song, "I Love You, Period" by Dan Baird? Aww, yeah! That song rocked. Some of my friends and I made up alternate lyrics to the song, about "that time of the month," but I won't print them here 'cause someone might get offended, and frankly, I have better things to do than deal with that.

☞ I would like to thank all of you out there that have begun looking both ways before crossing the street and stopped popping out in front of my car. I have noticed quite an improvement and I commend you all. Keep up the good work.



★ I just found out that having a song stuck in your head is called having an earworm. Why it has to be named, I don't know. 98% of the people questioned were found to suffer from earworms. My real question is, where do I get money to do a pointless survey that answers nothing that people didn't already know? I mean, really, this study enlightened me to a whole new cultural awareness. Thank goodness I'm not the only person ever to have ever had a song stuck in my head because for a while there I thought I was all alone.

★ Oh, more importantly, the number 8 song that people got stuck in their head: "Whoomp! There It Is," and no I'm not kidding.

★ I think that my study would be why do people like Linkin Park. I could interview tons of morons who would give me a bunch of stupid answers, and, then, my final report would be that Linkin Park should have no fans. I guess I don't really need to do the study since I've already come up with the answers, but I do want the government to give me money for doing this.

★ There's a spandex band called The Darkness. They want to be Spinal Tap, but Spinal Tap is funny. The Darkness has a dumb name and they talked junk about the Datsuns so they should all be shot.

★ Andrew W.K.'s next album is tentatively titled Blow Your Bone. Andrew says it doesn't have sexual overtones, but record stores are asking that he change it. He says he doesn't know what he wants to do. I emailed him and asked him to play a show at MU and told him the band could stay in my room. Here's to hoping my own superhero knows how to work a computer.

★ Iggy Pop says he's going to reform the Stooges for a big one-show only thing. Buddyhead is probably going berserk over this right now.

★ Jejuné is this old band, but they rule. I think they broke up a while ago or something. Anyway, they sound similar to the Stratford 4 who stole everything from My Bloody Valentine, so you should get the drift of what the sound like from that: hazy, fuzzy guitars, mellowed out pace, and cool vocals. The lyrics are bomb, too.

★ Just remembered that over spring break I watched a bunch of bad movies that were on Mystery Science Theatre, but the worst was *Pumaman*. I hope they come out with a sequel soon and don't update the special effects because they ruled the whole wide world.

TODAY IN HISTORY

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1985 - IBM announced it was planning to stop making the consumer-oriented PCjr computer. The machine, expected to dominate the home computer market, didn't live up to expectations. In the 16 months the PCjr was for sale, only 240,000 units sold.

1988 - Two British soldiers who drove into a Republican area of Belfast during a funeral procession, were seized and killed.

1991 - In Iraq, Kurdish rebels captured the northern oil town of Kirkuk.

1994 - A powerful bomb blast tore through a crowded metro train in the Azerbaijan capital Baku, killing 12 people and injuring 53.

1995 - Britain's Queen Elizabeth started an historic state visit to post-apartheid South Africa.

1996 - Sarajevo became a united city again after four years when Moslem-Croat authorities took control of the last district held by Serbs.

GEEKculture

By TODD BAILEY
Flashlight Writer

• The GEEK went to see *Willard* over the weekend. It was a pretty good creepy film. Crispin Glover's was amazing. The film had what I believe little dialogue but was made up with the brilliance of Crispin Glover's performance. Very creepy!

• Look for *8 Mile* this week on DVD and more importantly, look for *Who Framed Roger Rabbit?* on DVD. The disc is rumored to have lots of great special feature including some extended and deleted scenes! I can't wait for that!

• I'm hoping that the Chris Jericho vs. HBK will be a Hell in the Cell match. That would Rock. I think the Rock vs. Stone Cold Steve Austin match should be a best two out of three falls.

• I can't wait for *Dreamcatcher* to be released solely because I want to see the *Matrix* short *The Final Flight of the Osiris*.

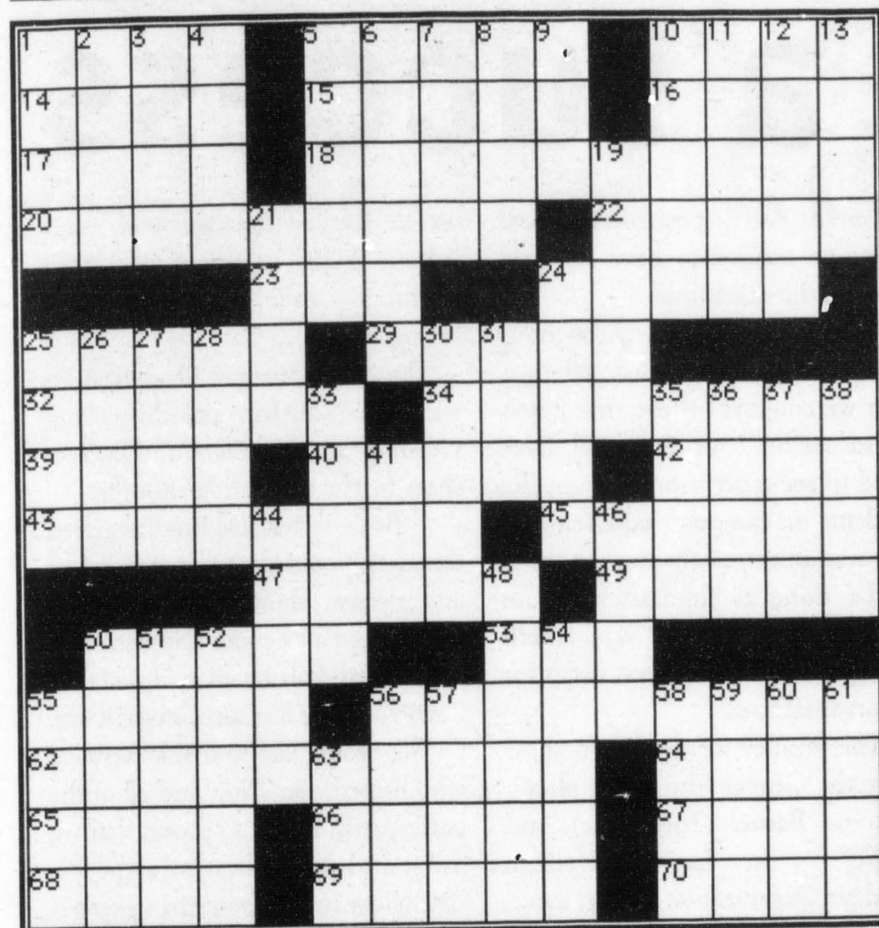
• On a minor note, if you are of the Eddie Murphy from the days of *Beverly Hills Cop*, *48 Hrs.*, and *Trading Places*, then you need to check out *I Spy*. That movie is Eddie Murphy at his funniest...definitely his funniest movie in a long time (with the exception of *Nutty Professor II*).

• In case you were unable to attend last semester, the good people of Tizodd Productions are having a second screening of the Independent Film, *Somnambulist*, which was filmed here on location in Mansfield, Pa on our campus. Check it out! Allen Hall, this coming Friday @ 8 PM. Right before the film will be the released of two short films as well, *The Pepsi Chronicle* (which has received rave reviews) and the world premiere of *Six Months* (previously unreleased). Hope to see all my GEEKlets there!

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-Vin Diesel (Dominic)
The Fast and the Furious

In the GEEKlight: *I Spy*

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Puzzle by DAN MASON

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Editor's Note

Due to a technical error, the wrong crossword clues were printed last week. *The Flashlight* would like to apologize for any confusion this may have caused.

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10 p.m. - Swept Away
12:30 a.m. - My Big Fat
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Sunday

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If you have any selection suggestions and/or comments, please sent them to megglest@mnsfld.edu.
Your feedback is important to us. Enjoy the movies!

BSU talent show a success

By AMY KENDIG
Flashlight Writer

It was a night full of fun, creative fashion and unique performances at the Black Student Union talent and fashion show last Thursday in Straughn Auditorium.

The four and a half month preparation it took the Black Student Union's secretary, Akirah Bradley and treasurer, Natalie Terrell to accomplish both shows turned out to be a great success for the organization itself as well as a great change for the Mansfield community.

"The talent and fashion show was a great success. The students put a lot of time, a lot of work and a lot of effort into it and it all paid off," said Dr. Ayewoh.

The competitors of the talent show were judged by President John Halstead, Dr. Tondelya K. Baylor-Ayewoh of the Academic and Human Development office as well as Mr. Vincent Jenkins and Ms. Deborah Rotella, also of the Athletic Mentor program, and Anita Alexander.

Within the talent show, there were six fashion scenes and fourteen talent performances. Talents were judged on a variety of things in order to win \$15, \$30 or the grand prize of \$50 that was given by BSU.

"I didn't know if we would have enough time for all the acts, but I thought it was a great show and a good fundraiser," said Natalie Terrell.

The coordinated and distinct talents ranged from solo, singing acts to group, hip hop and Latin dances.

"It was an honor to be a judge. The talent of our students never ceases to amaze me," said President Halstead.

Everything presented resembled each person's personality and characteristics and there was no room for regularity.

"I think everyone showed their different personalities through fashion and their performances. The main purpose was for all of the organizations to support each other," said Akirah Bradley.

Starting out the night were performances by Slightly Askew, Rob Warren and Maurice Whiteside, Antoine Barnes, Lambda Sigma, and Kim Ritter from Kappa Phi.

Next came the fashion scenes. The first scene was the hip-hop scene, which was basically what people would wear to a club or outfits that they usually would not wear. Overall, they were individualistic and fun. The next scene was the sports scene. In this scene, clothing apparel ranged from jerseys, to cut off shirts, to sweat suits.

The second half of the talent show consisted of performances by Carlos Perez, Quasim Whitherspoon, the Gospel Choir, and Los Latinos Unidos from LASO, I Candy, Prodigal Daughters, and Donyelle Barcus.

"We had practices almost every single night to get everything together and a lot of sweat and tears went into every performance," said Bradley.

Following the second talent acts, were the pajama, African American heritage, evening wear, and the anything goes scenes.

The pajama scene was tastefully presented in silk, satin and various other materials in a variety of styles such as dresses, robes, shorts and pajama pants. All of the pajamas were acquired from stores such as Victoria's Secret, Frederick's of Hollywood and Walmart.

After the pajama scene, the students modeled African attire from Nigeria in the African American heritage fashion scene. Dr. Ayewoh provided all of the African attire for the scene.

Next, there were three-to-four piece pink and beige suits with lace around the neck, hat, and head wrap, which is optional.

One last example of African attire that the students wore was a purple, two-piece suit with silver painted art design, made of cotton/polyester fabric, casual for an evening stroll.

"We had the heritage scene because we are a heritage organization and it is good to learn about all different cultures, which is what happened," said Bradley.

Following the African American heritage scene was the eveningwear scene. In this scene, colorful and shiny suits dominated the runway with alluring, and beautiful dresses that would make anyone want to go out to a formal event.

The last fashions to follow were the anything goes scene. This scene

said it all; it was totally unexpected. Students made their outfits in any kind of patterns and designs out of feathers, foil, jean material, velvet and much more.

"It was a matter of the students expressing themselves out in the open, and it was also about having fun, because that is what college is about," said Bradley.

With Akirah's personal style added into the outfits, everyone went crazy into designing their own outfits and the title of the scene spoke for itself because anything did go.

"I was excited about the participation and the audience. Everyone was really into it and it was well received," Dr. Ayewoh.

The overall audience response to

the event was a positive one and everyone seemed to have fun and learn at the same time.

"We were so nervous throughout the whole thing and when it was over we couldn't believe that it was as successful, but I would have liked to see more support from the students on campus," said Terrell.

It was an extremely creative thing to be done as fundraiser for an organization, and it was worth going to see such a success occur for an organization.

The winners of the talent show were the Gospel Choir (1st place), Antoine Barnes (2nd place), and LASO, the Latin American Student Organization (3rd place).

"We practiced long and hard and

we are excited that we won," said Joleane Vega, president of LASO (Latin American Student Organization).

The Black Student Organization will be looking into possibly selling videotapes of the talent and fashion show in the upcoming months.

Both Terrell and Bradley agreed that they would like to have the talent and fashion show again, but they would need a lot more help because it took a great deal of hard work and dedication to make it as successful as it was.

"We would like to thank everyone who helped, Dr. Tony, and all of the participants; we are so proud that we did it and maybe now other people can follow in our footsteps to keep it going," said Bradley and Terrell.

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OPINION & EDITORIAL

From the Editor's Desk:

No peace in the Middle East

By DYLAN BRUCIE

Flashlight Editor-in-Chief

It seems very apparent that war is beginning, no matter what anyone, including the United Nations, has to say about it. President Bush said in his speech Monday night that the U.S. and its allies would be giving Hussein and his sons 48 hours to leave Iraq or face military action.

If you've read my editorials in the past, you know that I'm a firm believer in finding a peaceful solution, but if we are indeed going to war, all I hope for is the safety of us all.

Although I worry about our soldiers in foreign lands, the thing that worries me the most is that Iraq isn't only going to retaliate against the U.S. army and whatever other allied troops decide to fight alongside us. It would be useless for Iraq to fight them; they have no chance against our military. My biggest fear is that Iraq will retaliate against civilian cities and/or tourist attractions. More civilians than soldiers are going to die in this war.

As much as I'd like to believe in a clean-cut war where we go in, win a quick battle and everything is great, I don't think it's going to be that easy. There will be civilian casualties in Iraq, there will

be U.S. troops killed, there will be terrorist attacks, and also, we'll still be living in the same terrorism-paranoid country we're living in now when it's all over. That's not going to change.

In the coming weeks and months, as our nation enters conflict, I hope people give support to our troops, as they are only doing their jobs, but I also hope that people continue to question the validity of our troops being over there in the first place. Just because something is going to happen doesn't mean we have to accept it in silence.

I hope many of you join me in hoping for the safety of not only our own troops and civilians, but also the innocent people in Iraq and all over the world.

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Letter to the editor:

Why is this still happening?

Editor:

In my search for an institution for higher learning, I concentrated my efforts in identifying many suitable qualities that would fulfill my long awaited desire for the typical "college experience." While my extensive research continued, Mansfield University and its community gave me the impression that I was more than welcomed to be a part of their close-knit family. Since Mansfield is a small town, I figured that this would be a great way to have a home away from home. It came to an utter shock to me the accounts of discriminatory behavior that I have received in this town. While growing up, I was taught to accept all humankind - NO matter what nationality, ethnical, or religious background they came from. It was instilled in me that we are all "SUPPOSED" to be treated fairly and equally. I have come to realize by the discriminatory behavior that I have witnessed from the Mansfield community that many are not ready to part with their old prejudice and biased ways.

On the evening of January 31st, 2003, my two friends and I were subjected to treatment that was unethical, intolerable, and down right inhumane. A Mansfield University English professor sent her students out to attend a Poetry Reading event held at the Tin West Coffee House, located on

Main Street (Downtown Mansfield) for a class assignment. As we entered Tin West that evening, the female door attendant continued to sit at her post and ignored our presence. In my opinion, the proper business etiquette when welcoming a customer is to greet him/her in a pleasant manner and to make them feel welcomed. As we continued to stand there, patiently waiting to be helped, other parties entered the Tin West Coffee House; to our amazement, the same door-attendant greeted them with smiles and her disposition was very pleasant. To add insult to injury, the man behind the counter also refused to acknowledge our existence by avoiding the side of the counter where we stood. The atmosphere was full of disgust and tension. I felt as if I just walked through a time machine. It was very obvious, based on my assessment of human behavior inside the establishment, that the customers at their tables waiting for the scheduled performances to begin, either opted, consciously or unconsciously, to stare at us as if we were on display, or treated us as if we were so invisible that all they saw were stereotypes. I have never been subjected to such ignorant and abhorring behavior in my life. This is the twenty-first century that we currently are living in and I must ask, "WHY IS THIS STILL HAPPENING?"

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INEQUALITY (cont.)

I cannot believe that this form of discrimination is still happening today. This is a time where all are "SUPPOSED" to be treated fairly and equally. I would like to strongly emphasize that I did not come here to be exposed to such uncivilized behavior by the Mansfield community. I feel as though Mansfield University and the surrounding community deceived me, because they falsely presented a vision of equality and diversity. Could this be true? We

can no longer put up our blinders as if this problem does not exist in our community. We all need to realize that overt and covert racism is alive and condoned by people in the Mansfield area. Individually, we must take a closer look at ourselves, and ask questions - "Am I, through my words and/or my actions/inactions, a contributor to the perpetuation of racism?" We need to come together as ONE ethnically diverse community, and address the issue of racial intolerance in

our university and surrounding community. One way that we can fight against this is not to patronize establishments that treat people in an insulting manner. Individually and collectively, we can make a change for a more positive Mansfield. I am ready to continue to shine the light of positive cross-cultural relations. Are you willing to join me in the fight for a more inclusive and respectable Mansfield community?

-Shanna Davis

Guest column: *If you pay for something, should you own it?*

By JIM WALL

Northwestern University

Summer jobs are a great way to put aside the books, have a little fun, and make some good money. The best part of a summer job for me was always payday. Well, at least until I noticed that taxes took a chunk out of my paycheck.

However, I do realize that taxes are essential to the economy. Taxes pay for public goods, defense, education, and other valuable programs like Social Security.

I had always envisioned the Social Security tax as a service whereby the government takes my hard-earned money and stores it away in a bank or some special retirement savings account. Then, when I turn 67, I would get all of my money back plus interest.

Well, it was not until I got a "real" job that I realized that I was completely wrong. While at school, I am working with an issue advocacy group called Social Security Choice.org.

Let me tell you, there is a reason why politicians debate over Social Security. It's really not just about senior citizens either; it's about people our age - particularly Americans in the lower and middle-income brackets.

Here's how the system really works. Social Security is a "pay-as-you-go" system. Every time your paycheck gets taxed for Social Security, that money goes directly to senior citizens who are collecting monthly Social Security benefits check.

So what is wrong with that?

It's simple math really. People are living longer and the birth rate is lower. Following this trend, there

will be more retirees and not enough workers to support them.

In the 1950s, there were 16 workers for each retiree. That was more than enough money to cover America's senior citizens. Today, there are only 3.4 workers per retiree. The Social Security Administration (SSA) estimates there will be 2 workers per retiree by the time a graduating senior reaches 57 years of age.

Take it from the experts. The Social Security Advisory Board has stated: "As time goes by, the size of the Social Security problem grows, and the choices available to fix it become more limited." The SSA has also confirmed that if no changes are made, our generation would be looking at about a 30% cut in benefits.

There are four possible solutions to solve the crisis facing social security: (1) hike taxes, (2) reduce benefits, (3) use general revenues, or (4) fund future benefits through personal retirement accounts.

Social Security Choice.org advocates personal retirement accounts. Why? Three reasons: choice, ownership, and building wealth.

Let's start with choice. Senior citizens can choose to stick with the "pay-as-you-go" plan. However, people under 50 years of age should have the choice to put their money into personal retirement accounts.

Next is ownership: personal retirement accounts are yours - you own them. No politician can touch your money. Did you know that under the current system you have no legal right to your future benefits? You are completely at the mercy of actions of future Congresses. A lower income worker might pay into the system for 40 years; if he dies before retirement

under the current system those 40 years of contributions create no inheritable assets to leave to his family. One out of three African-American men die before they receive any Social Security benefits. With personal accounts, these contributions would create real wealth and ownership.

Now that we are on the final point of building wealth, the current system offers a two percent return (assuming they pay the promised benefits). Pathetic. You would fire any financial planner who could only promise that kind of return.

With personal retirement accounts, you could invest part of your Social Security taxes under the supervision of professional money managers. Lower and middle income Americans could create wealth with a diversified portfolio consisting of low-cost mutual funds of stocks and bonds. No more two percent returns! This is real wealth you can leave to your loved ones.

Stop thinking that Social Security is about old people. It is also about our generation. This summer when you get your paycheck, think about where your money is going. Shouldn't you be the one in control? After all, it's your retirement.

Social Security Choice.org is a non-partisan issue advocacy group that is dedicated to the cause of modernizing and reforming the Social Security system by giving workers the option to voluntarily place their payroll taxes in personal retirement accounts. The focus of this reform is ownership, choice, and building wealth for lower and middle income Americans. We have offices in Evanston, IL and in Washington, D.C.

Politics and Opinion: *The drumbeat of war*

By CHRIS SHADLE

Flashlight Writer

In a last ditch effort to try to resolve the diplomatic crisis over war with Iraq, President Bush, British Prime Minister Tony Blair, and Spanish Prime Minister Jose Maria Aznar met Sunday evening at a summit in the Azores. A small group of islands located in the Eastern Atlantic Ocean, the Azores are located near Portugal. Under the guise of trying to avert war, this is simply another way for Bush to appear that he has exhausted all diplomatic options before engaging in a preemptive war with Iraq. If anything, the summit solidified the Bush Administration's stance that those nations that are blocking a new UN resolution should, as Bush stated, "show their cards."

The three world leaders have set a timetable for a new vote in the UN, stating, "Monday is the moment of truth." Several options are open if a vote for a new UN resolution fails; however many have speculated that the president will most likely (in the event of not mustering enough votes) ignore the results of a new vote. The focus of the United States and our allies would then be placed on UN resolution 1441, which was passed back in November calling for the immediate disarmament of Iraq.

I find it hard to believe that all diplomatic options have been exhausted. One provision of the Just War Doctrine states that war is just only when undertaken as a last resort. The French, Bush's strongest opponent, are now calling for another round of inspections to get a clearer picture as to whether or not steps are being made in Iraqi disarmament. Will more inspections prove that Saddam has totally disarmed? Probably not, however there is no harm in trying to extend the arm of diplomacy to avert a war that has been cost estimated as high as 200 billion dollars. Remember the economy, stupid?

The drumbeat of war has begun, and I would not be surprised if we are at war with Iraq by the end of the week. Saddam Hussein has called the United States "the unjust judge of the world." By undermining the stability of the United Nations, the Bush Administration is setting a dangerous precedent for the future of international relations between nations. Remember compassionate conservatism? There is a contradiction in terms if I've ever heard one. In war, the only thing that is compassionate is death, for death relieves the misery of war. Let's pray for our country, our troops, and our president so that he is safely able to steer us through this most challenging of times.

Interested in getting involved with *The Flashlight* but aren't quite sure? Come to our meetings and see what we're all about!

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Mounties come up big in PSAC post season awards

Brett Longpre' and Lynelle Mosley were each named to All-PSAC East first team honors.

Bill McNeil and Danna Purnell were selected as the PSAC East Rookies on the 2002-2003 Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference All PSAC Men's and Women's Basketball Teams released today.

This marks the third straight selection to the All-PSAC team for Longpre'. The junior guard was a second team selection in 2001 and was named to first team honors last season.

Longpre' led the Mountaineers, and ranks sixth in the PSAC in scoring, averaging 18.1 points per game. He also ranked third in the conference in free throw field goal percentage (123-143, 86.0 percent), third in 3-point field goals per game (2.5 p/g), 11th in 3-point field goal percentage (70-176, 39.8 percent) and 15th in rebounding (6.2 rpg).

A three-time PSAC East Player of the Week this season, Longpre' reached the 1,000 point milestone earlier this year and now has 1,256 points.

McNeil, a freshman from Philadelphia, topped all conference freshmen with a scoring average of 17.1 points per outing, a figure that was seventh among all conference scorers. He topped the 20-point figure on 10 different occasions, including a season-high 30 at Kutztown. He also chipped in with 4.0 rebounds per game and totaled 48 assists and 35 steals.

Mosley was a second team All-PSAC East selection last season. The senior point guard led the team in scoring, ranking 11th in the PSAC, averaging 13.8 points per game. In addition, Mosley ranked fifth in the conference in assists (112, 4.3 apg) and steals (62, 2.38 aap), sixth in 3-point field percentage (39-102, 38.2 per-

cent), seventh in free throw percentage (60-76, 78.9 percent) and 14th in 3-point field goal percentage.

A four-year starter, Mosley ends her career as the sixth all-time leading scorer in Mountaineer history with 1,110 points and the all-time leader in steals with 293. She twice earned PSAC East Player of the Week honors this season.

One of the most athletic players in the conference, Purnell appeared in 25 games as a freshman, averaging 4.2 points per game. In addition she finished second on the team in rebounding pulling down 5.2 boards per game. Mosley also dished out 71 assists with 40 steals and six blocked shots.

Twice named the PSAC East Rookie of the Week, Purnell becomes the second straight Mountaineer to win the honor, following Alison Tagliaferri who won it last season.

CBS sports personality to visit Mansfield University

Mansfield University will host Greg Gumbel of CBS Sports on Wednesday, April 16, for a series of events including a meeting with students, dinner and a public address.

A veteran of sports television for almost 30 years, Gumbel recently signed a new multi-year agreement with CBS. This coming NFL season will mark his fourth paired with former New York Giants' quarterback Phil Simms as the network's number one announcing team. They will call the action in Super Bowl XXXVIII from Houston next February.

Gumbel is the first network broadcaster to host, which he has done three times, and call play-by-play of the Super Bowl. One of the most respected broadcasters in the industry, he has won three Emmy awards in a career which includes covering the NFL, NBA, Major League Baseball, NASCAR, and college football, basketball and baseball.

He served as prime time anchor of CBS Sports' coverage of the record-setting 1994 Olympic Winter Games from Lillehammer, Norway, and was co-anchor for the weekday morning broadcasts of the 1992 Olympic Winter Games from Albertville, France. Gumbel also hosted NBC's daytime coverage of the 1996 Summer Olympic Games from Atlanta, GA and the 1995 World Figure Skating Championships from Birmingham, England.

In addition, Gumbel has also covered Knicks basketball and Yankees baseball for the Madison Square Garden Network, and

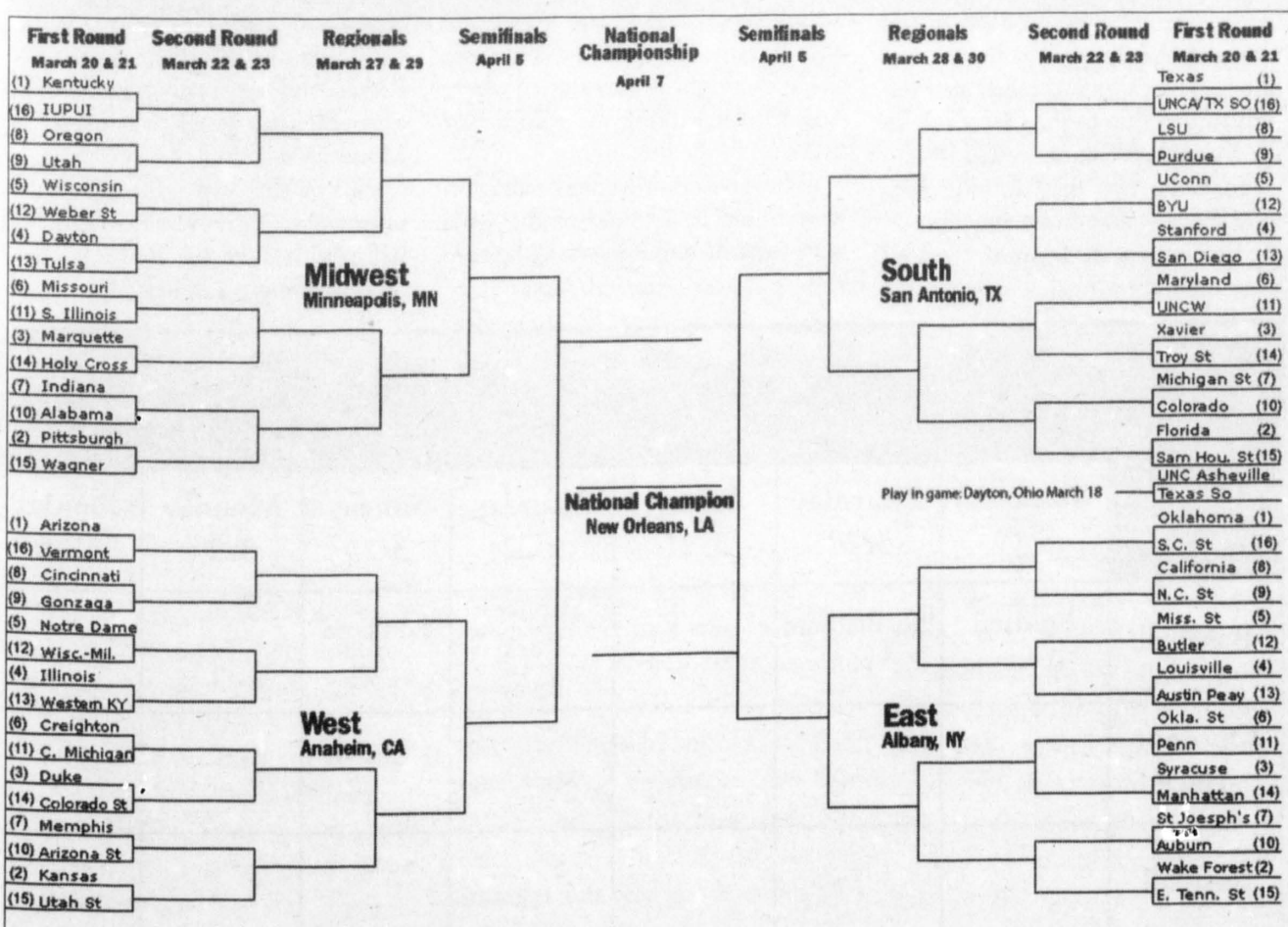
done studio anchor work at ESPN, WMAQ-TV in Chicago, and WFAN Radio in New York City. He has also called play-by-play for the Philadelphia 76ers, the Cleveland Cavaliers and the Seattle Mariners.

He graduated from Loras College in Dubuque, Iowa in 1967 with a degree in English. When not on-the-air Gumbel travels the country delivering his inspirational message of perseverance and dedication.

In making the announcement, Mansfield President John Halstead said, "We are very pleased to host CBS commentator Greg Gumbel as the next featured speaker in our high profile major speakers program at Mansfield University. Although he is part of the network's number one tandem for NFL football and has also been a sports journalist for the Winter Olympics, the NBA, and Major League Baseball, his reputation transcends the world of sports. I expect his expertise as a motivational speaker will inspire our students and our community as he speaks on the topic of 'Make the Effort'--applicable to academics as well as athletics. Given the strength of our Communication Department and broadcast journalism offerings as well as our strong tradition of Mountaineer baseball--Greg Gumbel has broadcast the College Baseball World Series--this keynoter of national reputation seemed like a perfect fit."

Gumbel's public address will be held in Straughn Hall at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$10. For more information call (570)662-4292.

2003 NCAA Mens Bracket



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PSAC SHORTS

Baseball - Senior Matt Wiltrout struck out nine and allowed just two runs to lead **Bloomsburg University** to a 4-2 win over Slippery Rock in game one of a doubleheader on March 14. The Huskies lost game two by a score of 9-6.

The **California University of Pennsylvania** Vulcans are currently 3-6 on the season following their "Spring Break" trip to Alabama and Florida. The Vulcans defeated University of Tampa, 2-1, and University of Alabama-Huntsville, 9-3, both nationally ranked teams this season.

Women's Basketball - Becky Siembak of **California** (Pa.) and Gema Robles of **Millersville** were named 2002-03 Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference Western and Eastern Division Women's Basketball Athletes of the Year, respectively.

Men's Basketball - Ramzee Stanton of **West Chester** and Ishmical Kamara of **California** were named the 2002-03 Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference Eastern and Western Division Men's Basketball Athletes of the Year, respectively.

Indoor Track and Field - **Bloomsburg University** track standout Danielle Kramer picked up her second indoor track title at 2003 Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (PSAC) championships when she came home first in the 3,000-meter event at East Stroudsburg University on March 2.

The Sig Tau 5th Annual Pig Roast



The brothers of Sigma Tau Gamma would like to invite the Mansfield University Community to our 5th annual Pig Roast.

When: Saturday April 5th 2003

Where: Sigma Tau Gamma, Two blocks down from Elliot Hall

Time: 11 a.m. to Dusk

Cost: \$10.00 a ticket/ \$15.00 at the door

Contact: 662-0274 or 662-7275 or any Sig Tau Brother

LIVE BAND
BLUE SHADOW

Mountaineer softball sweeps in Virginia

By GREGORY PELLEGRINO

Flashlight Sports Co-Editor

After returning to Mansfield from a successful 3-3 trip to Florida the Mountie softball team took another trip south.

This time they traveled not as far to the state of Virginia to play a week-end series against Virginia Union and Virginia State.

The Mounties entered the game coming off an 8-0 loss to West Florida.

This time Mansfield brought their offense and pitching arsenal with them. On March 15, the Mounties sent sophomore Alison Tagliaferri to the mound in game one against the Panthers of Virginia Union who was looking for her first win of the season.

In the first inning the Mounties scored three runs to give Tagliaferri some breathing room as she went to work in the first inning. After retiring the first three batters the Mounties offense returned for round two.

Tagliaferri helped her own cause by belting a two-run home run in the second inning to increase the lead to five.

After another scoreless inning, the Mounties offense went to work again scoring another three runs. In the top half of the fourth, Mansfield's bats went into overdrive scorching Panther's pitching for nine runs.

The Mounties gave Tagliaferri all the offense she would need as she cruised along for her first win of the year and also her first collegiate no-hitter. The game was called after the fifth inning due to the mercy rule as the Mounties went on to win 18-0.

In game two the Mounties bats were still alive and producing runs. In the first inning, the Mounties wasted



SPORTS INFORMATION

Shannon McDonnell went 3 -3 with a double during the Mounties 8-0 shutout victory.

no time as they put up four runs thanks in part to sophomore Jackie Laskowski's three-run bases clearing triple. Laskowski finished the game with five RBIs.

Unlike game one, the Panthers were able to squeeze out a run in the bottom half of the first off freshman Kristy Duncan, who was making her first collegiate start, but that was all they would get.

Duncan went the distance as the Mounties added another five runs for the 9-1 victory and series sweep of Virginia Union.

The Mounties next challenge came the next day as they squared off against the Trojans of Virginia State.

The Mounties sent their ace, junior Liz Lyon to the mound for game one. It seemed Mansfield did not lose a beat overnight as they started where they left off, scoring the game's first two runs in the first inning.

Those two runs would be all Lyon would need as she finished the game with 12 strikeouts and giving up zero runs.

The Mounties' offense again was being dished out from all corners. Freshman Sytva Seitz went 1-2 with two RBIs and a pair of stolen bases.

Fellow freshman Kriss Kelly added a two-run double in the Mounties 10-0 shutout of the Trojans.

In game two it was freshman Kristen Dean who got the call for the Mounties who entered the game 2-0 with an ERA of 2.45.

As the saying goes, "the third time's a charm." In this case the third times a goose egg. The Mounties completed another shutout as Dean pitched a complete game striking out eight and only giving up three hits to the Trojans.

The offense was led by sophomore Shannon McDonnell who went 3-3 with a double. Tagliaferri, senior Jes Ricker, and sophomore Sarah Deller each recorded an RBI double in the Mounties 8-0 shutout victory.

With the win the Mounties improve to 7-3 overall. Mansfield will play host to the Red Raiders of Shippensburg on March 26.

This Week in Mountie Sports

Mansfield Sports Weekly	Wednesday 3/19	Thursday 3/20	Friday 3/21	Saturday 3/22	Sunday 3/23	Monday 3/24	Tuesday 3/25
Baseball	Cortland 3 p.m.	Pitt-Bradford 3 p.m.		Slippery Rock Away	Edinboro 1p.m.		
Outdoor Track							
Softball							

Mounties stampede Shepherd College

By JENNIFER A. NELSON
Flashlight Sports Co-Editor

"I was lucky enough to learn a valuable lesson about success before I'd even had the opportunity to achieve it," Cal Ripken, Jr. once said.

Mansfield baseball is learning many lessons and working hard to achieve that success.

After dropping their first game of the series with Shepherd College on March 15, the Mountaineers came back to dominate the double header on March 16.

The first game of the series proved to be a learning experience for the Mounties. Jeff Papi took the mound for Mansfield. Zach Weaver relieved Papi in the seventh inning. Justin Ferguson was then called upon to finish the game.

Despite a valiant pitching performance by the staff, the Mounties could not pull off the win. They allowed six

unearned runs against their two runs in the 9-2 loss.

Leading the Mountaineers was Jason Fischer. He continued his hot streak going 2-4 on the day.

Mansfield managed to turn things around during the double header. Dan Yoder pitched his third win of the season. In the sixth, Marty Rakaczewski managed to get a grounder to Travis Wurster who tossed to Fischer to secure the 9-8 win.

Doug Evans, Craig Barkey and Brett Brown handled the bats for Mansfield. Evans went 3-4 with two RBIs and a double. Barkey pounded a solo home run while Brown recorded two RBIs and hit a double. Jason Manwaring also added to the RBI list.

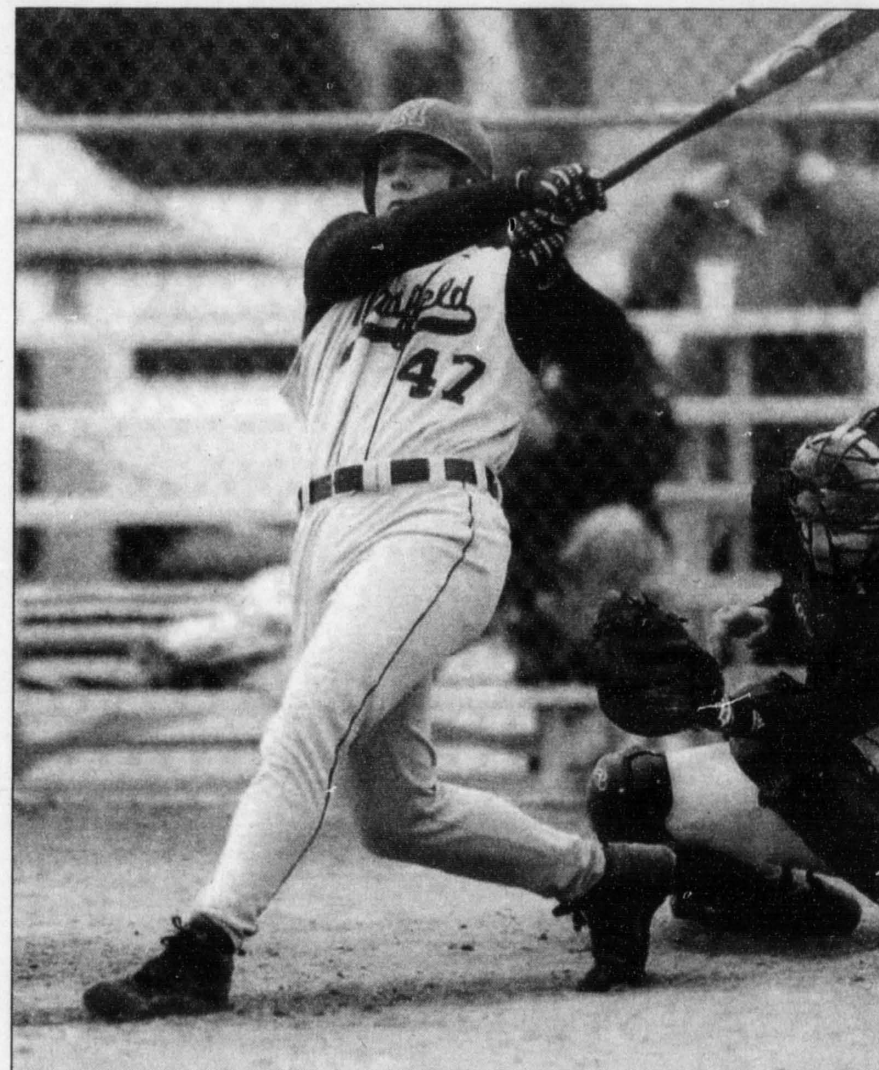
John Cronin pitched a strong game two, throwing the heat to eight batters and giving up four hits. Cronin moved to 2-1 on the season.

The Mounties' offense was the turning point in the game. Brown got the ball rolling for the Mounties with his two-run home run in the first inning. In the sixth inning, Fischer led the way for Mansfield. He went 2-4 smacking a three-run home run.

D.J. Hoshauer and Brandon Brokaw both helped the Mounties' efforts. Hoshauer went 2-3; Brokaw recorded an RBI. Mansfield went on to defeat Shepherd College, 11-4.

Mansfield's record improved to 10-7 thus far. So keep learning. Keep working. Keep achieving. And take it from the man who played 2,632 straight games. "It's the constant work that makes it all possible," Ripken said.

The Mounties will play their home opener against Cortland at Shaute Field today at 3p.m. depending on the weather. They will also play host to Pitt Bradford University on Thursday.



SPORTS INFORMATION
Brett Brown recorded two RBIs, a double, and a two-run home run over the weekend.

This Week In Sports: Bracketology Time

By GREGORY PELLEGRINO
Flashlight Sports Co-Editor
COMMENTARY

A commentary on filling out my 2003 NCAA tournament bracket.

It's that time of year again when the only class important to everyone is 'Bracketology 101.'

The brackets are set and come Thursday the madness begins. Along with the madness comes the drama. Not the drama on the court, but off it.

Millions of people all over the country have an 8 1/2 X 11 piece of paper in front of them containing one of sports most coveted images, the bracket.

This image is the key to anyone's office pool, friendly pool, or just pure joy of trying to guess who's going to make it to New Orleans on April 5.

It's nerve wracking at times, especially this year. Just the other day I was sitting in this very chair in the Flashlight office trying to figure out who would win between Gonzaga and Notre Dame.

I could hear the tapping of the pen gradually go faster as I contemplated my choices. One false move and the whole bracket could unfold. After timeless thinking I finally made my decision and went with the Fighting Irish.

It took close to twenty minutes to make one pick, and I haven't even gotten to the second round yet.

As I made my journey around the bracket I was looking for a possible upset that would be huge. Every year there is always a game or two that usually end up shocking and can make or break a bracket. Especially if a number one seed gets knocked off.

This year's number one seeds, I feel, aren't as strong as they have been in the past. Kentucky and Arizona are the strongest and will make it to the Final four even though Arizona may have to go up against a young Duke team or an up and down Kansas team.

I think Texas and Oklahoma on the other hand are vulnerable, despite the Sooners winning their third straight Big XII title. They really don't impress me as much as Kentucky and Arizona do.

A few surprise teams I have going further than what the experts think are Missouri, Illinois, and Louisville all making it to the Elite Eight. Missouri showed that they're no push over after making it to the Big XII championship.

Illinois is one of the hottest teams entering the tournament who have

won eight of their last nine games including the Big Ten tournament.

One of my biggest surprise picks comes from what many call a mid-major conference in the likes of Conference USA. The Louisville Cardinals will be in my mind a huge sleeper in this year's tournament. With the experience of coach Rick Pitino, the Cardinals are one of the most non-talked about team in the brackets.

To sum up my Elite Eight teams are Kentucky vs Missouri, Arizona vs Duke, Connecticut vs Florida, and Louisville vs. Syracuse.

Now this brings us to the Final Four teams, the teams that will be touring Bourbon Street. I see Kentucky, Arizona, Connecticut, and Syracuse dancing their way on to New Orleans.

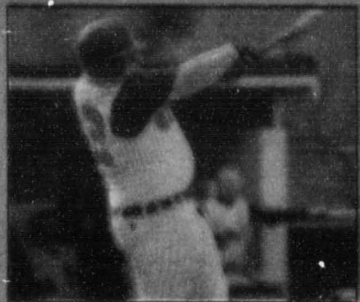
I feel Kentucky has what it

takes to take over a veteran Arizona team and will prevail to the championship game.

Over on the other side, two Big East teams in the likes of Connecticut and Syracuse will square off. These two teams come from one of the most competitive conferences in America next to the ACC and Big XII.

Behind the shooting of freshman Gerry McNamara, and freshman phenom Carmelo Anthony the Orangemen will be taking on the WildCats come April 5.

Kentucky's winning streak will come to an end when Jim Boeheim and the Orangemen will be dancing for joy when they cut down the nets bringing the championship back to the Big East for the first time since 1999 when Connecticut upset heavily favored Duke.



Flashlight Sports

MANSFIELD UNIVERSITY ❖ MANSFIELD, PENNSYLVANIA ❖ WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, 2003

ECAC CHAMPS

Mounties defeat New Jersey Tech 83-73 in ECAC championship

By CHAD LANDERS
Flashlight Sports Writer

All hail the champs. That's right, a year after Mansfield University's field hockey team won the ECAC Championship, it is now the men's basketball teams turn.

Mansfield University's men's basketball team is the ECAC South Division II Champion. The men's team beat New Jersey Tech 83-73 on Saturday, March 15th.

Brett Longpre led the Mounties past New Jersey Tech with 25 points, hitting five three-pointers along the way to earning Most Valuable Player honors for the championship.

Bill McNeil, the PSAC's Rookie of the Year, added 22 points for the Mounties and junior forward, Ian Connor, scored most of his 21 points under the basket.

Jason Roscoe turned in an impressive performance as well, but it doesn't show in the points column. It shows in the assists column. Roscoe finished the game with 15 assists, hitting open teammates time after time.

The Mounties come out fired up right from tip-off, feeling the enthusiasm and intensity from the crowd, as the student cheering section was well represented on Saturday.



SPORTS INFORMATION

On March 15, the Mansfield Mountaineers won the 2003 ECAC Championship with a 83-73 victory over New Jersey Tech.

The Mounties used that intensity to open up a close game into a 25-13 lead midway through the first half. By halftime, the Mounties led New Jersey Tech 45-31.

The Mounties started the second half much like the first half, aggressive and intense. At one point, the Mounties led by 20, but New Jersey Tech did not give up. Demond Cowins led New Jersey's assault on the Mountie defense all day.

Cowins finished the game with 35 points, 21 in the second half, and 10 rebounds.

With only five minutes left in the game, New Jersey Tech pulled to within seven points of the Mountie lead, but never got any closer.

Plagued by foul trouble and missed free throws, not to mention a tightened Mountie defense, New Jersey Tech scored only one field goal in the last 4:45 of the game.

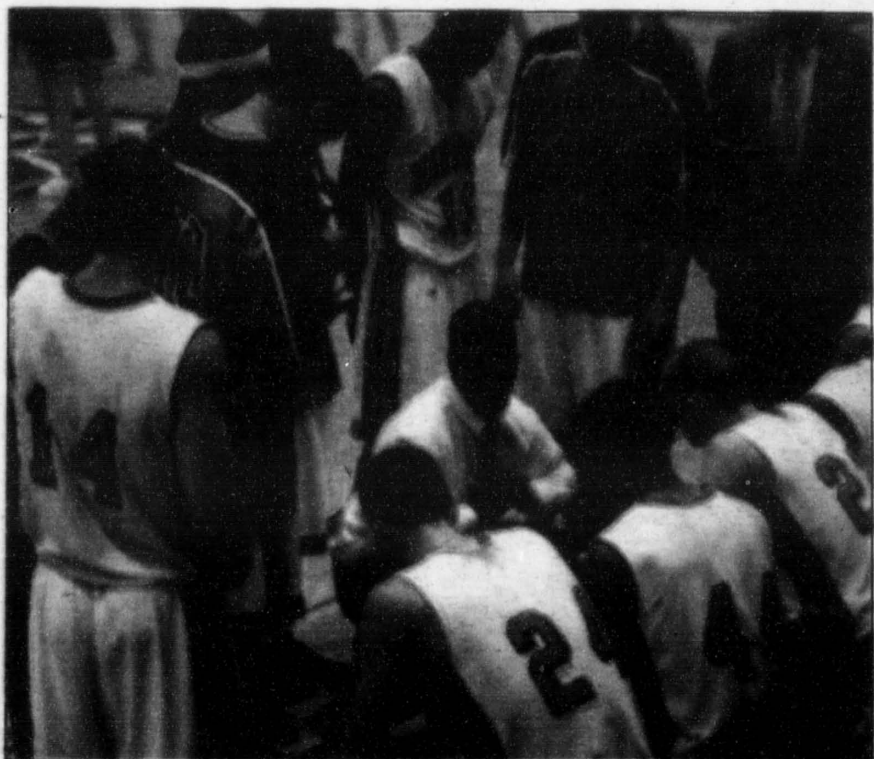
Cowins scored a game high 35 points, but with hardly any points from the rest of the team, Cowins failed to carry New Jersey Tech on his back. The Mounties beat New Jersey Tech 83-73

with team leadership and clutch free throw shooting down the stretch.

Both the Mounties and New Jersey Tech ended the season with a record of 18-11.

"This is a great thing for these kids and this program," Head Coach Vince Alexander said. "It's great to end the year with a win and, with all but two players back, it gives a great positive to build on for next year."

The Mounties finished the season with an 18-11 record finishing fourth in the PSAC East.



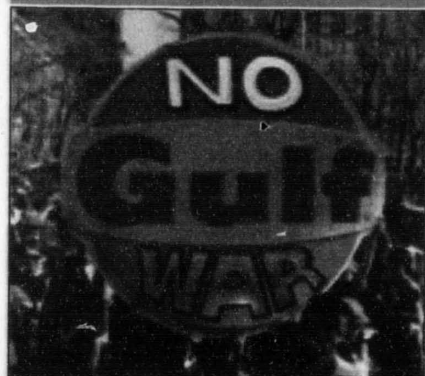
SPORTS INFORMATION

Coach Vince Alexander and his Mounties during a time-out earlier this season.



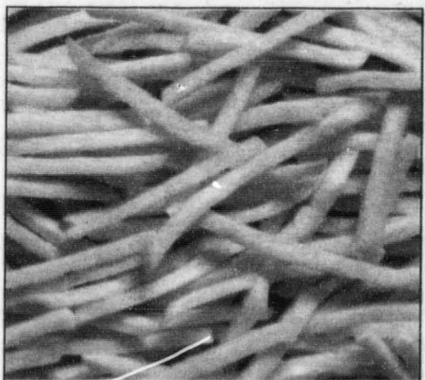
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A ruckus among us:

Football players suspended

By GREGORY PELLEGRINO
Flashlight Sports Co-Editor

There are times when the unthinkable happens, especially in a small town like Mansfield.

On the night of March 21, a man and members of the Mansfield University football team entered the apartments on 70 East Elmira Street.

According to pledge director of Alpha Sigma Tau, Jenn Waverka, members of the football team came into the basement and started a fight which resulted in a few individuals getting injured including a couple of pledges, after an altercation took place between freshman football player Jason Brobst and Phi Mu Delta brother Kevin Jackson earlier in

the evening.

"Never thought much of them to begin with, but after hitting our sisters, I will never go to a football game again," said Waverka.

According to Jackson, he and Brobst got into a verbal altercation over a beer pong list, which resulted in Brobst being thrown out. Later on that evening members of the Mansfield football team returned along with George Motley, and started fighting with the individuals there.

George Motley, 40, father of Mansfield's star quarterback Travis Motley, was arrested for simple assault, harassment, and disorderly conduct.

"I don't remember much of

what happened because it happened so fast," said Jackson. "I remember Jason [Brobst] pointing at me then all of a sudden I got jumped. After that I saw my friend getting hit."

When contacted, Brobst refused to comment on the incident.

The news of the incident hit the campus of Mansfield quickly bringing concern to numerous departments on campus.

Jody Hare, coordinator of Greek Affairs, was concerned with both parties involved.

"No matter what the investigation comes out to be something needs to be done," said Hare, "whether it is both parties or one side."

The news of the incident also reached the athletic department.

"Two members of the Mansfield University football team have been suspended from the team," said sports information director Steve McCloskey.

"The suspensions will be in effect pending the outcome of an investigation headed by interim Vice President of Student Affairs, Mike Lemasters.

The two members who were suspended will not be able to participate in spring practice, which starts next week and concludes in late April with the annual Red and Black game.

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Annual Block Party a huge success

By ROSA LUCIANO
Special to the Flashlight

"Mardi Gras" was the theme at this year's Block Party, which was held in Kelchner Fitness Center last Saturday.

The event, which was put together by the All Residence Hall Council, provided a variety of activities, and there were many booths set up by different organizations around campus. The Bobby K Gaming Company provided the activities, which included Sumo Wrestling, Sticky Wall, Jousting, 'King of the Mountain' mountain climbing and a booth that had games such as horseshoes, Pop the Pimple, basketball, and Duck Pond. With most of these games, you could win Mardi Gras beads and masks.

Some of the organizations that participated

ed and had booths were the Latin American Student Organization, which provided a Water Pong booth; Alpha Sigma Tau, with candle decorating; ARHC, with face painting and tattoos; CATS (creative arts therapy sounds), with 'make your own egg shakers'; WNTS with a 25-cent lollipop pull; Computer Science Club, selling "My Big Fat Geek Week" T-shirts; Cedar Crest Hall Council with a photo booth; and Black Student Union, with a candy sale and raffle.

This year was the fourth year that the block party was held at the fitness center, and according to Charee Grover, President of ARHC, it was probably one of the best.

"Overall it was great, there are a lot more activities and people than there were last year," Grover said. "Jousting also seemed to be the most popular activity."

The success of the Block Party was noticed by many others including Jay Shaw, Vice-President of

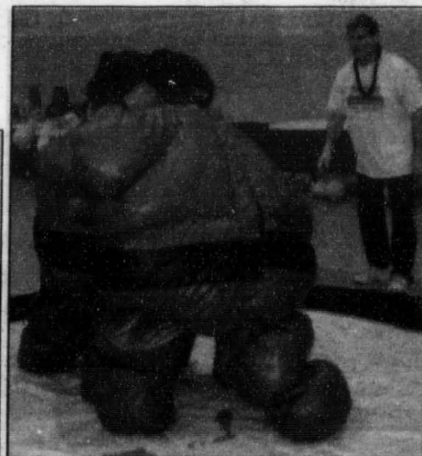
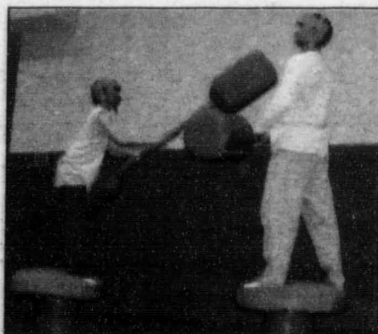
the Cedarcrest Hall Council, who was impressed with the turnout.

"As far as future Block Parties go, I hope they continue to grow as time progresses," said Shaw.

Natalie Terell, treasurer of BSU, couldn't agree more and thought it was great but that "more organizations should participate in the future."

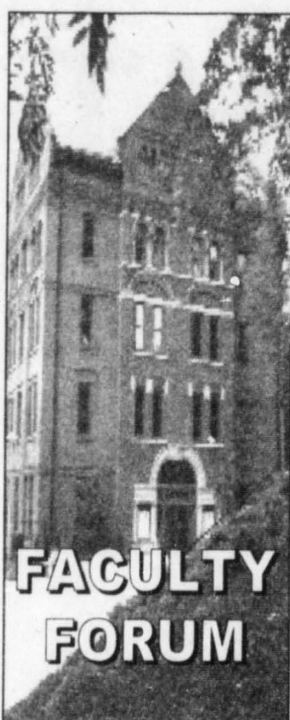
The success of this block party was evident by the turnout, which included not just MU students, but people in the Mansfield community as well. Michelle Blansky, a high school student, came on campus for the day to take part in her first Block Party.

"Yeah, it's a ton of fun," was all Blansky had to say when asked if she was enjoying herself. It's good to see MU unite with the community for a day like that.



MAUREEN MOORE/THE FLASHLIGHT

Events at this year's Block Party included jousting, sumo wrestling and a Velcro Wall



Drs. Peggy Dettwiler and Sheryl Monkeliën, Music, directed The Mansfieldians in a concert on Saturday, March 22. It was their only performance in the area this semester. The program featured madrigals from the 16th century, patriotic music, a tango and some humorous selections entitled: "Sea Chanteys."

Dr. Linda Rashidi, Language and Literature, will moderate a panel today from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room in Alumni Hall (307). "The New Nuclear Threat" will feature Dr. Mike Chester, Physics; Dr. Frank Chua, History; Dr. Andrew Gaskiewicz, History; and Dr. Fereydoon Lealaz, Sociology.

Dr. Peter Keller, Psychology, served as the Scientific Chair of the National Institute of Mental Health Review Panel on March 6. The panel of reviewers from various universities and research institutes consider proposals for federal funding.

Dennis Atkinson, Facilities, received the Army Commendation Medal last month upon his return from Germany where he served with the National Guard in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Ronald Smith, Human Services, received the Mary Davis Baltimore Award at the 33rd Annual Pennsylvania Black Conference on Higher Education, Inc. meeting in Harrisburg in February. This award is one of the highest honors that the Conference can bestow upon a member. This award is for distinguished service and contributions to the organization.

The 24th Annual Service Recognition Program will be held on April 29 for employees who have served the University for 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 and 35 years of service. Persons who have retired or will be retiring through Summer 2003 will also be recognized.

TEN YEARS: B. Barton, J. Boselli, S. Carrish, M. Chester, L.J. Depumpo, M. Garrett, M. Materese, M. McEwan, J. McGuire, T. Reese, L. Schankman, D. Seigart, J. Sheehe, K. Thorne and C. Wiles.

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TWENTY YEARS: R. Dodson, T. Elsasser and E. Ghods.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS: E. Eidenier and D. Murray.

THIRTY YEARS: C. Alexander, D. Borsheim, C. Christley, D. Fritz, E. Green, A. Klinger, L. Sherman, W. Teeter and J. West.

THIRTY-FIVE YEARS: R. Feil, B. Koloski and B. Shivas.

RETIREMENT: Employees who have retired or officially announced they will be retiring: S. Bickham, J. Brown, K. Brown, D. Cady, L. Farr, S. Flack, K. Meyer, S. Reynolds, B. Sabol, J. Sidler, P. Sullivan, M. J. Watkins and J. Werner.

If I have missed anyone, please let me know and I will put it in the next column.

Faculty and staff items of interest to the campus community should be sent to scarrish@mnsfld.edu. Items will be limited only by space and clarity.

POLICE BEAT

March 15, 2003 - Consumption of an Alcoholic Beverage: Seth Pickett, 19, was cited for underage consumption of an alcoholic beverage after being transported to Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hospital.

March 16, 2003 - Defiant Trespass, Consumption of an Alcoholic Beverage: Alyssa Tinney, 20, was cited for Defiant Trespass and Consumption of an Alcoholic Beverage after she was found consuming an alcoholic beverage on campus, after receiving an order stating she was not allowed on campus.

March 19, 2003 - Theft: Kelly Horengic, 21, was charged with theft of clothing (value: \$50) from the laundry area in Laurel residence hall.

March 19, 2003 - Possession of an Alcoholic Beverage: Renee Allington and Kristen Bender, both 19, were cited for underage possession of an alcoholic beverage in Maple residence hall.

March 19, 2003 - Harassment: A Mansfield University employee reported an incident of harassment to University Police. A suspect has been identified, and the matter is under investigation.

If you have any information regarding these or other cases, please contact the police at 662-4900 or submit a tip anonymously at http://www.mnsfld.edu/~police/Anonymous_Tip.htm

Info-to-Go Campus Bulletin Board

★ Phi Beta Lambda will be hosting its **Second Annual Career Fair** on Monday, April 7, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Kelchner Fitness Center. There will be many companies attending this year to cover a broad range of interests for different majors. Students are encouraged to bring their resumes; if you need help with your resume, SIFE will be hosting a Resume Critique on Wednesday March 26 at 6 p.m. in the AHSC Multi-Purpose Room. If you have any questions about the Career Fair please address them to collins2@mnsfld.edu and any questions about the Resume Critique to burnsg@mnsfld.edu. Hope to see you there!

★ A limited number of **full-time summer employment opportunities** are available for returning students this year. If you're interested, please see Chris Vaughn in the Student Financial Planning Office, 104 Alumni Hall, as soon as possible.

★ Activities for the **Week Against War** continue this afternoon with a teach-in from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. in AHSC room 307. Tomorrow's activity is a film, *Women Facing War*, to be shown at 7 p.m. in Allen Hall Auditorium. A discussion will follow the film.

★ If your organization is planning to elect or has already elected new officers, please let the Student Affairs Office know so the **Organizational Directory** can be updated. There are three ways to let us know: pick up a form in 516 North Hall, check out the Student Affairs webpage, or e-mail dmilicev@mansfield.edu.

★ A **support group** for members of the Mansfield University community who are dealing with the stresses of having family or friends deployed for the war has been formed. Meetings will be Mondays at 3 p.m. in Pinecrest room 112. For more information, please contact Deb Casey at x4432, or Nicole Welshans at x6769. All are welcome, and we hope to see you there.

★ Every Wednesday from 7 to 10 p.m. a **billiards tournament** will be held in Alumni Hall Student Center. Last week's winners are: 1) Ryan Seigart, 2) Matt Bliss, 3) Nate Sieders.

Announcements for *Info-to-Go* can be e-mailed to flashlit@mnsfld.edu and will be published on a first-come, first-served basis.

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The athletic department issued the following statement: "The university is aware of an off campus incident that occurred in the borough of Mansfield on Friday night involving members of the [Mansfield] student body. The University has been in contact with the Mansfield Police Department and is currently investigating the incident. The university will determine the extent of the involvement of any students. At the conclusion of Mansfield University investigation, any student found in violation of the student rules of conduct will be subject to judicial proceedings before the University hearing board."

The *Flashlight* was also able to contact head coach of the Mountie football team Chris Woods who was willing to talk about the incident.

"We are committed as a pro-

gram to work with the university as the investigation goes on," Woods said.

Interim Vice President of student affairs Mike Lemasters, who oversees both Greek Life and Athletic life was aware of the situation that took place.

"I'm aware that the incident occurred late Friday night, early Saturday morning," said Lemasters. "We're going to work closely with Borough police to gather as much information as we can. When we have all the information we think we need we'll make some decisions as to how were going to proceed."

Officer David Crawford, who is in charge of the case, informed *The Flashlight* that the incident is still under investigation.

At the time of press only one arrest was made which was George Motley. He was later released on bail and no further

Fall 2003 Registration Schedule

Earned Credits / Student Status:	Your day to register:
90+ / Honor & Undergraduate Certification	Monday, March 31
81+ / Associate Degree Students	Tuesday, April 1
72+ / Graduate Students	Wednesday, April 2
60+	Thursday, April 3
49+	Friday, April 4
42+	Monday, April 7
30+	Tuesday, April 8
17+	Wednesday, April 9
15+	Thursday, April 10
13+	Friday, April 11
11+	Monday, April 14
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Use the Transcript option through WebAdvisor to verify your total earned credits. We have utilized a sophisticated rule to prevent students from registering before their appointed registration day.

The university's Information Technology department has taken tremendous strides to avoid any system related issues. With registration beginning at 8:00 am on March 31st, we hope to offer a quick response to any system issues that may arise.

By overwhelming demand, Late Night returns Thursday at 9 p.m. at the Hut.

There will be an open mic session as well as free pizza and soda for all. Admission is free! Brought to you by Alpha Sigma Alpha.

Justice Eakin defines success in speech

By HEATHER OISTER
Flashlight Writer

The true definition of success was the main topic of the speech presented by Justice J. Michael Eakin at the Maxey Lecture last week.

Often times today, as Justice Eakin pointed out, society tends to base the level of a person's success on the material possessions they own. Eakin pointed out that objects are not the true indicators of success. Success depends more on what you do.

Eakin told the story of the boy and the starfish. A small boy picks up and puts back the starfish that have washed ashore one at a time as

others criticize him. They say he is foolish, because he will never be able to save all the starfish.

However, the boy keeps up his efforts, satisfied that he has helped to save a few. Eakin's point with this story was that you may not always be able to help the whole, "but we can influence one person at a time."

Another point Eakin discussed was that of doing what is right and good. The Justice told of a gift that he received that

had one of his favorite mottos on it. The engraved clock read: "Do the right thing, for the right reasons, every minute of the day."

He pointed out that integrity is

also another important quality to possess, especially "when the opportunity for less is there."

Those in attendance were encouraged to always aim for their goals. "Don't let the fear of failure keep you from jumping at the opportunity."

Other topics Eakin discussed included the field of criminal justice and our changing society.

Justice Eakin from the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania has made news for his unique ruling manners, since he puts his decision in the form of a poem.

The event, which occurred on March 19, was the Fourth Annual George W. Maxey Lecture and took place in Manser Dining Hall.

George W. Maxey was a Mansfield alumnus who is known for his sociological work.



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New York City war protest turns bloody

By CUYLER MAYER
Washington Square News
(New York U.)

The roar of thousands of protesters, most of them shouting for the return of U.S. troops fighting in Iraq, could be heard Saturday throughout Manhattan, where demonstrators said they met an "army" of New York City police officers clad in riot gear and carrying plastic handcuffs. After an estimated 200,000 protesters marched down Broadway Saturday afternoon, a relatively orderly protest turned violent when demonstrators attempting to break police barricades were struck and wounded by

officers swinging batons.

Scores of demonstrators were handcuffed and forced into packed police vehicles before being transported to New York Police Department's central booking center on Centre Street in lower Manhattan. According to the NYPD, there were 91 arrests at Saturday's march. After hundreds of police officers, many behind helmets and shields, marched in single file to surround the park, few demonstrators had left the area. Onlookers said the scene began to look like a battlefield.

SEE "PROTEST," P. 4

SGA Update: Support our troops

By MARIA TREGO

Special to the Flashlight

With the recent 75% off sale at the bookstore, many students made their way into the Student Union this past week. As students checked out the great sale prices, many made their way back to peek at the last display window in the bookstore.

At first glance, one will see patriotic red, white and blue fabric plastering the back wall of the window. An American Flag hangs within and there are pictures of servicemen and women in uniform placed on display.

This project was the vision of Nicole S Welshans, a student here at Mansfield University. Nicole started the project because both of her brothers as well as her father

were called to Ft. Drum within the last few months. She feels that they are very lucky as they have support from their family, but knows that there are many others out there who don't have that same kind of support. She believes that as members of the Mansfield Community, it is our duty to support and pray for all of the troops who are fighting for us.

Members of Student Government Association and Donna Casselberry, general manager of the bookstore, quickly joined in the cause.

The goal behind the patriotic window is to honor all of the servicemen and women in every branch of the military as they serve at home and overseas.

If you are interested in placing a

picture or any type of item in the window to represent a friend, relative, or for any other personal reason, or know of someone who would please contact Donna Casselberry at extension x4921.

Everyone is invited to place an object in the window. Please support our troops in their efforts by including your own addition to the display.



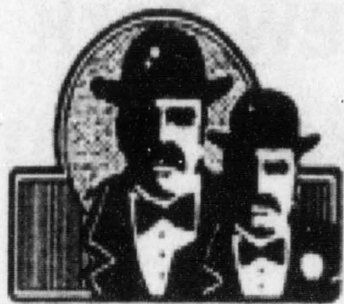
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At about 6 p.m., a line of officers on horseback galloped through the center of a crowd on Washington Square North and Fifth Avenue. Screams and boos could be heard as protesters ran from the approaching horses. Saturday's march was the latest antiwar demonstration in

New York City since the United States and Great Britain launched an air strike on Iraq's capital Wednesday night.

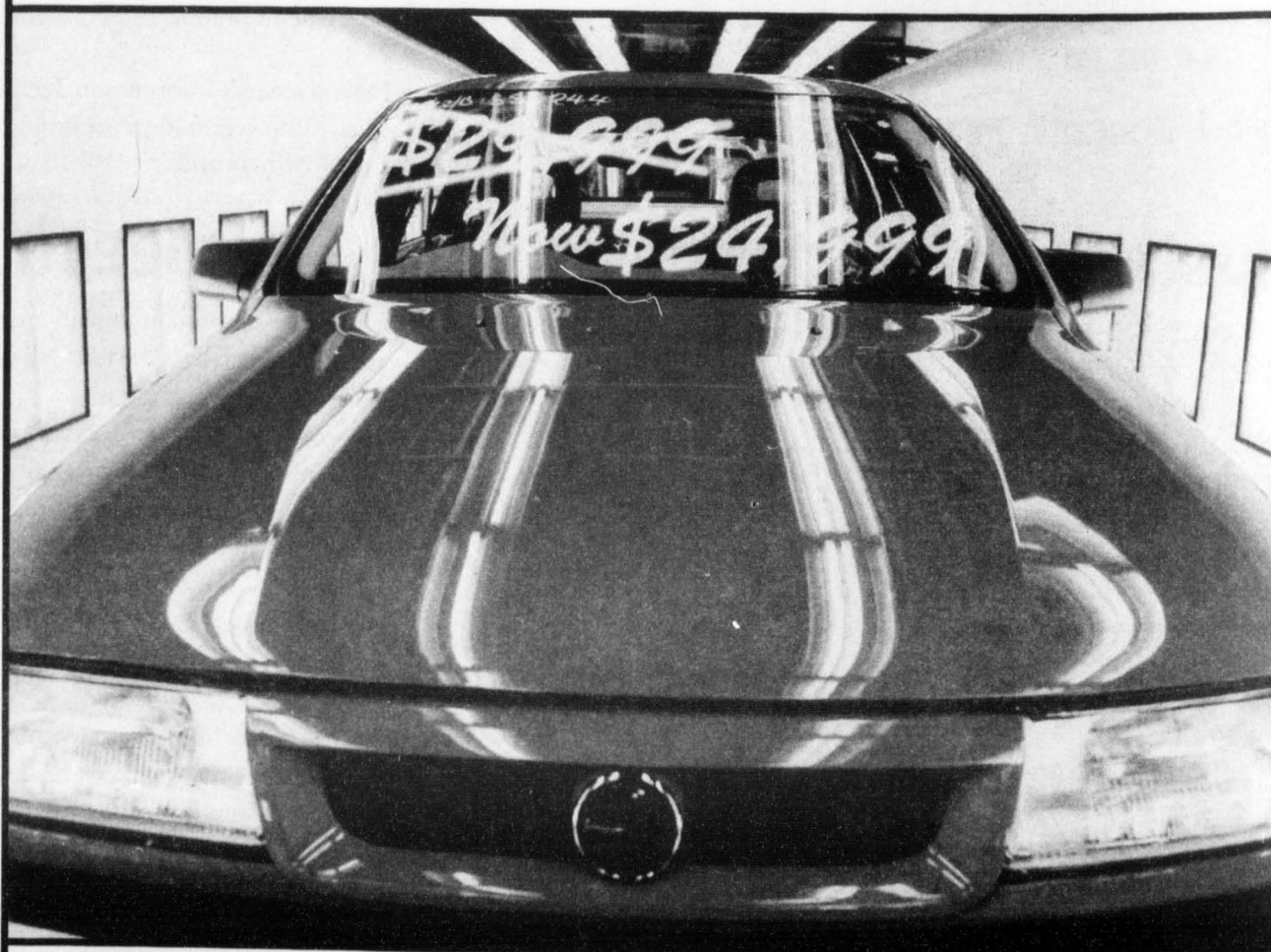
Protesters said they will continue to voice their dissent until their message is heard by political leaders.

Since Thursday, protesters have gathered daily around the country.

According to Reuters, more than 2,100 people have been arrested in San Francisco since the war started.

Protesters expect demonstrations to grow in size and become more frequent the longer U.S. troops are fighting in Iraq.

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Commentary: Academy Awards

By ANDRE BENNETT
Flashlight Writer

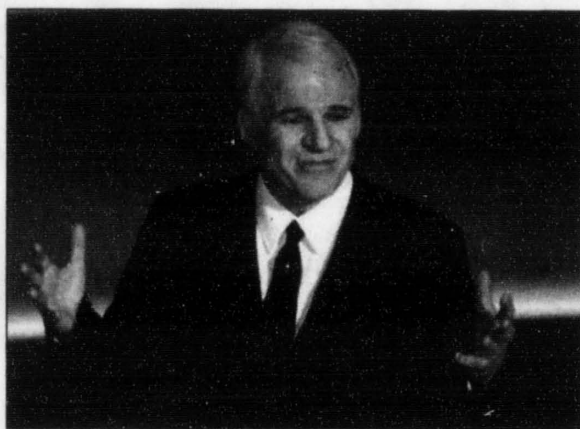
As always, cinema's elite stepped out to celebrate the year's best films at Sunday's 75th Annual Academy Awards ceremony. Under the shadow of war, however, this year's ceremony was a little more subdued than years before, and certainly more so than last year, when Cirque du Soleil's tribute to special effects had me wishing for an appealing programming alternative.

For one, the traditional red carpet entrances were gone. Stars entered the Kodak Theatre quickly and with little fuss, while the press and onlookers were kept at more of a distance than usual. Still, a few celebrities, such as Denzel Washington and Halle Berry, stopped to talk to pre-show interviewers.

I wasn't as excited about this year's broadcast as I had been in previous years, but that could be attributed to the fact that I hadn't seen any of the Best Picture nominees yet. Also, I had a feeling that I wouldn't be going to bed on time, considering Oscar's penchant for going on way too long. However, each Academy Awards ceremony has a couple of moments to remember, at the very least, and this year's Diamond Jubilee was no exception. I now present to you, my personal highlights from this year's Oscars.

Steve Martin: I was on the fence about Mr. Martin's last hosting gig, but this year, I was very amused. While nothing could top his "Russell Crowe kidnapping" joke

from last year (Tom Hanks may never live that down), I have to say that his montage of all of the celebrities with whom he had slept (Stitch included) was worth applause. While I think he used J.Lo a little too much in his material, Steve Martin still proved that he's getting better with age.



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Steve Martin hosted the 75th Annual Academy Awards Sunday night.

Japanese animation rules: For the record, I was definitely pulling for *Lilo & Stitch* to win the Best Animated Feature Film award. To my surprise, Hayao Miyazaki's *Spirited Away* took the statue home. While I haven't yet seen the film, I am eager to do so, considering Miyazaki's phenomenal track record (*Laputa: Castle in the Sky*, *Princess Mononoke*). As a geek, I'm proud to see that positive examples of Japanese animation are receiving the exposure they deserve. I hope we begin to see more anime features in wide release from now on, Pokémon aside.

Jennifer Garner and Mickey Mouse: Well, it's always a treat to

see Jennifer Garner, but I have to include this because it is the first time I've ever seen a computer-generated, three-dimensional Mickey Mouse, especially on a live-action program. While it isn't the first time CGI characters have graced the Oscar stage (the *Toy Story* characters, *Shrek*, the *Monsters, Inc.* crew, and *Jimmy Neutron* have all appeared on the show in previous years), it's still Mickey Mouse. He's never looked better.

Julie Andrews: Even though she was simply presenting this year, Julie Andrews still received a huge standing ovation upon taking the stage. For her body of work, she deserved every second of it. I was standing as well, mainly because Mary Poppins changed my life.

Michael Moore and the First Amendment: While I applaud Michael Moore's chutzpah in saying what he felt he had to say after accepting his Best Documentary Feature award for *Bowling for Columbine*, I don't feel it was the smartest thing to do at all. Having the stones to speak his mind is all I can credit him for, because of all the places to make such an inflammatory statement (calling the President "fictitious"), the Oscar stage isn't one of them. While I can't give him my "most tactful" award either, I'm sure Moore's actions did wonders for his credibility within the independent film community.

Adrien Brody and the right way to make a political statement, or how

to kiss the hottest woman in the world: When Halle Berry announced Adrien Brody as the year's Best Actor, Brody looked shocked and appalled. After all, the young actor's biggest film to date, prior to *The Pianist*, was Spike Lee's *Summer of Sam* (in which he had a supporting role). As soon as Brody made it to the stage, he took the practice of kissing the presenter to an encouraging extreme. As such, I can't wait until I win my Oscar.

But that's only half of this extraordinary moment. As Brody continued rambling on, Bill Conti and the band began to play him off the stage. Brody, however, wasn't leaving. He told them he had one more thing to say, and to "cut it out." He then told everyone in the audience to pray for a peaceful and swift resolution to the conflict, and that he had friends serving overseas for whom he wanted to see home as soon as possible. Brody's heartfelt speech touched me in ways I couldn't imagine, and remembering it brings tears to my eyes as I write this commentary. If nothing else, it fired up my hope to one day stand upon that stage.

Peter O'Toole: For his extraordinary body of work, and his seven fruitless nominations in the past, Peter O'Toole was awarded an honorary Oscar. O'Toole was by and large the evening's classiest act, accepting the award with a wit and grace I can only hope to possess at his age. It was a pleasure seeing him on the stage, and I think it's about time Oscar finally recognized him.

And the best thing about this year's ceremony: For once, it ended on time! Ending at roughly two minutes past midnight, this year's Academy Awards telecast is one of the shortest I can remember. However, I find it saddening that I can only attribute this to the state of the world today. I would hope that in the future, the Academy decides to skip on the cheesy musical numbers and overdone production packages entirely. The raw emotion of the winners is enough entertainment for me.

Also, you would think I'd have also named Eminem's Best Song win for "Lose Yourself" (from 8 Mile) as a highlight. Well, I would have, if he had bothered to show up. Maybe next year, Marshall.

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Performance
by an actor
in a leading
role
Adrien
Brody in
The Pianist



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The Pianist

Achievement in
direction
Chicago

Achievement in directing
The Pianist

Achievement in
sound editing
*The Lord of the Rings: The
Two Towers*

Achievement in
cinematography
Road to Perdition

Screenplay written directly
for the screen
Talk to Her

Best animated feature
film of the year
Spirited Away

Best documentary feature
"Bowling for
Columbine"

Achievement in music
in connection with
motion pictures
(Original song)
"Lose Yourself" from
8 Mile

Best motion picture of the
year
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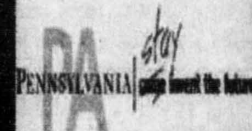
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Random Ramblings

By RACHEL ADAMS ☆
& COREY MEOLA ☆
Flashlight News Editor and
Flashlight Copy Editor

☆ I'm pretty excited about next week's issue of *The Flashlight*. As you may be aware, April Fool's Day is fast approaching, which means...yes, my friends...THE TRASHLIGHT! I am so excited! This is the one time that we editors get to have a little fun around here, all at the expense of our friends and neighbors. Oh, am I ever going to enjoy this!

☆ So Eminem won an Academy Award. I'm sure everyone is talking about it, but I have to put my two cents in about it. I like Eminem because he doesn't tell me how much money he has or

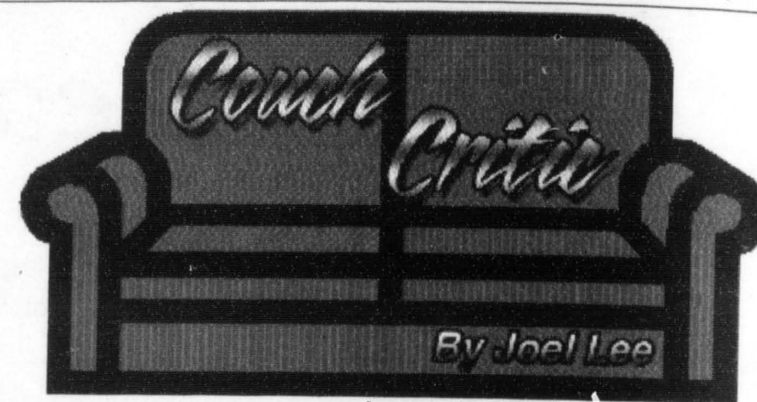
how many women he's slept with in his songs, but I seriously need to question the sanity of the Academy on that one. Phil Collins had to wait half his life and Eminem did it on the first try. Hmm...

☆ Commercial Rant of the Week: Yet another Saturn Ion commercial. The new one has them driving through town where everyone is getting married. What's with that? Is the car supposed to make me want to get married? Am I only allowed to have the car if I'm married? I just don't get it.

☆ So I have decided that no class at Mansfield could possibly be as cool as the class I took last year, Nazi

Germany and the Holocaust. Aside from the freaky-deaky *The Tin Drum* movie we watched, that class was amazing, and it's about time Dr. Gaskiewicz was publicly recognized for being an awesome professor. I almost wish I was a history major, just so I could take more classes with him. (Corey had that class too, and she totally agrees with me.)

☆ See *The Boondock Saints*. It's an excellent movie if you don't mind violence. It's also a very good excuse for getting drunk if you try to drink every time they curse. I will warn you now, though, that if you do that then you need to be very careful because the count on the f-bomb alone is 248. (Thanks, Joe.)



☆ Zack de la Rocha, formerly of your favorite we-wish-it-was-still-the-60s political band, Rage Against the Machine, teamed up with DJ Shadow to record a new song called March of Death to bash the war. I tried downloading it for free off his site, but that junk was not working. Go here and see if you have better luck than I did: <http://www.marchofdeath.com/>.

☆ In a belated Couch Critic bashing, Audioslave sucks.

☆ Go to www.poetsagainsthewar.org and get your knowledge on. That is, unless you are against the war and then you can go somewhere else to find your information, but frankly I haven't put any effort into finding that junk, I already have news channels that like to tell me how to perform my patriotism.

☆ I downloaded a bunch of 60s songs over the weekend because right before I went to bed I saw the Time-Life 60s Gold infomercial with Davey Jones and I woke up with a bunch of the songs stuck in my head. My roommate has decided that if you order the collection, Davey will personally deliver them to your house, so hit that up and see if Davey shows up. I want to find out if it's true; maybe I should ask the government for money to do a study on this.

☆ Just in case you missed it the first time, Audioslave is not any good.

☆ Oh, and in case you're not real smart, Davey Jones was part of the Monkees. Yeah, those guys that the Beatles ripped-off. (thank you, Dumb and Dumber).

☆ Speaking of *Dumb and Dumber*, this idea for a sequel should fall somewhere in the great idea bin of Onyx naming an album Bacdafucup 2 and war with Iraq, and ironically, both happened.

☆ Cheers is a good television show. So is Undergrads. Audioslave, however, is not a good band, just like the triple threat of crappiness, Slipknot, Marilyn Manson, and Mudvayne.

☆ I have been thinking about what it is that makes me decide what is good music and what is bad music, and what gives me the power to dictate these things, but my only conclusion is that I rule the whole wide world and I like Andrew W.K. so, therefore, I got great taste in rockin' tunes, which does not include Audioslave.

☆ Jack Black is in the movie *The Jackal* with Bruce Willis as some assassin and Jack gets his arm blown off by honorary bad dude Bruce with some high tech weaponry, and, for some reason, I thought that it was hilarious.

TODAY IN HISTORY

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1987 - For basketball, the National Federation of High School Associations adopted the college distance, three-point shot, that had a perimeter of 21 feet from the center of the backboard.

1990 - Halston, a leading designer of women's clothes in the 70s, died at age 57.

1992 - Former world heavyweight boxing champion Mike Tyson was sentenced to six years in prison for rape.

1996 - The International Monetary Fund approved a \$10.2 billion loan for Russia to help the country further transform its economy.

1997 - The bodies of 39 members of the Heaven's Gate cult were found after killing themselves in a mass suicide; they said they hoped they would join aliens following the Hale Bopp comet.

1998 - Leonardo DiCaprio, age 23, filed a lawsuit in Los Angeles, California against Playgirl magazine.

GEEKculture

By TODD BAILEY
Flashlight Writer

• I hate the Oscars, just so you know.

• I'm looking forward to *Who Framed Roger Rabbit?* on DVD this week. Hopefully, by the time you GEEKlets read this, I will have it in possession! I have learned of the special feature for this disc...would you like to know them??? Okay! I'll tell you! The first disc will have three Roger Rabbit shorts: "Tummy Trouble," "Roller Coaster Rabbit," "Trail Mix-Up." The second disc will have Audio commentary with director Robert Zemeckis and fellow filmmakers, a deleted scene, an in-depth look at the making of the film, pop-up-style trivia, cinema verite look at the making of a scene from the film, featurette look at a scene with and without animation, and how to rehearse a scene for Toons. Should be very entertaining!

• We are merely days away from what is shaping up to be a very good Wrestlemania. I was in attendance at last year's Wrestlemania which took place in Toronto, CA. If you don't believe me, rent it and play "where's GEEKdo" during the Hogan/Rock match...we were six rows back from ringside! I made sure to be seen during that match...I am hold a "Hulk Rules" sign and wearing my Iverson jersey!

• I'm hoping to see *Dreamcatcher* at some point in the near future. I'll let you guys know how that goes.

• How many of my GEEKlets are preparing for April 11th?? Well you should be! That's what I like to call "Potter Day!" That's right! Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets will be released on 4/11/03.

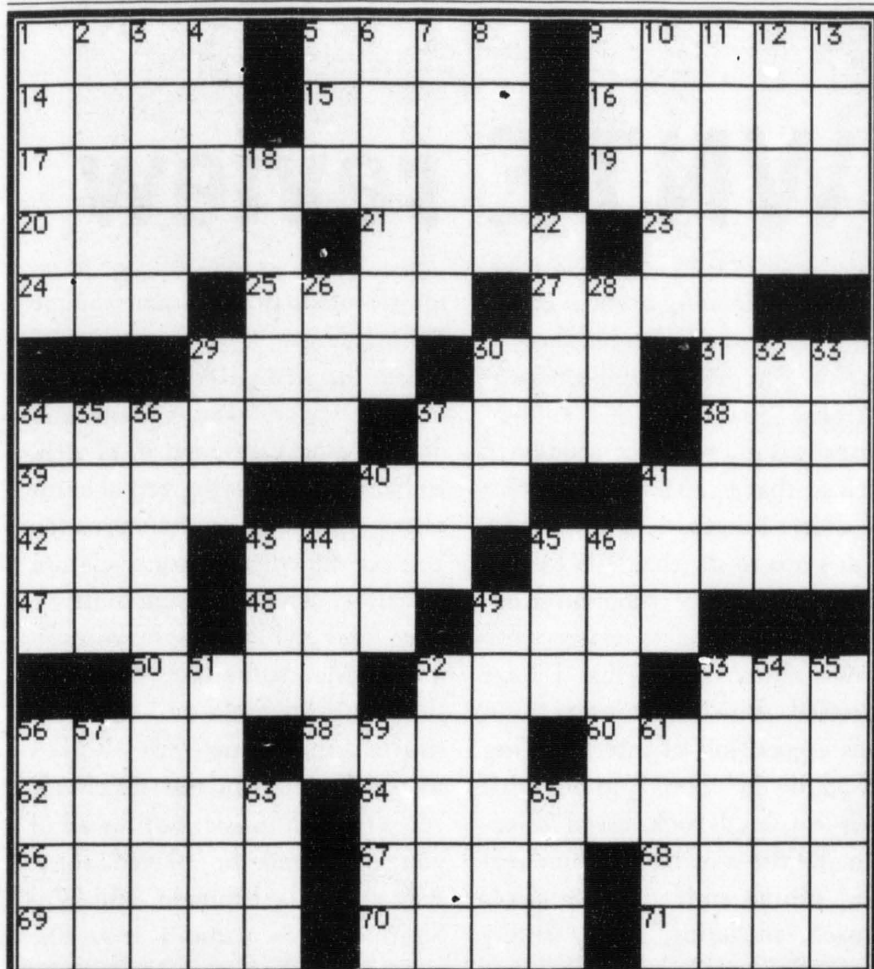
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A supersize of patriotism

By AMY KENDIG

Flashlight Writer

On March 11, 2003 the House of Representatives three office buildings renamed French foods such as "French fries" and "French toast" in their cafeterias from the demand of Rep. Bob Ney.

According to AP and CBS, the Republican from Ohio, Bob Ney, chairs the committee on House

Administration and decreed that no French words will be official because of France's refusal to support the war against Iraq.

Such foods such as "French fries"

were renamed to "freedom fries" as well as "French toast" which was renamed to "freedom toast."

After Ney's outlandish actions, many other restaurants around the nation have removed "French fries" from their menus to protest France's refusal to U.S. military action in Iraq.

"This action today is a small but symbolic effort to show the strong displeasure of many on Capitol Hill with the actions of our so-called ally, France," said Ney.

Also, following in Ney's footsteps in support of the anti-French protest was Rep. Walter Jones of North Carolina.

"Watching France's self-serving politics of passive aggression in this effort has discouraged me more than I can say," said Jones.

Although Ney has started this ridiculous decree, France's union of republicans and politicians is protesting and mobilizing against the Ronald McDonald Foundation because of actions involving the organization as well as the renaming issue of French fries.

This whole issue of renaming French food recalls similarities to WWI in Germany when Americans renamed German words to protest Germany.

Words such as sauerkraut were

renamed to "liberty cabbage," and dachshunds to "liberty dog." Beethoven was also banned in America.

During this war, Germany was our enemy, but France is America's NATO ally.

Apart from other countries following in Ney's footsteps, Louisiana is not changing any of their French food names and is

keeping the heritage of the state.

"So many people in Louisiana actually speak French every day and feel French, and I think they're a little disappointed about

the situation," says Lt. Gov. Kathleen Blanco, a French Acadian whose maiden name was Babineaux. "We're looking at a 200-year historical time when France was our greatest ally."

Louisiana is celebrating their 200th year since the Louisiana Purchase and with such events happening, French President Jacques Chirac has been invited to New Orleans December 20th to mark the historical occasion.

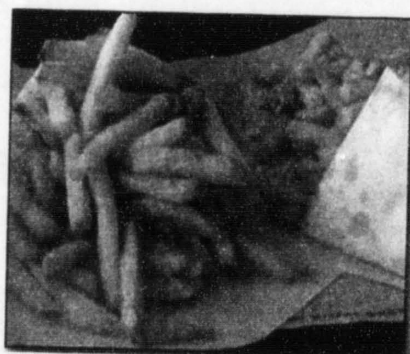
President Bush was also invited and President Chirac commented that he has not made his decision whether to attend or not, but he would attend only if President Bush would come as well.

With relations being tense between France and the United States, Ney's decree only added fuel to the fire.

Come on people; how ridiculous is all this? Isn't this a little extreme?

Our country is fighting a war right now, why focus on something as petty and small as renaming French foods because of their refusal to support the war against Iraq.

The focus of the war has obviously become twisted to Mr. Ney. What is next, renaming "French kissing" to "freedom kissing?"



French foods are now being called "freedom" foods.

RadioVertigo: Weekly WNTÉ review

By LOREN CARPENTER

Flashlight Writer

Welcome everyone to yet another review by Loren Carpenter. A lot has gone on this past few weeks, and I have been very busy with school...my college career is beginning to wind down, and it's keeping me real busy. It's kind of sad too...it's been a pretty sweet ride so far. On with the reviews, before this gets me all sappy...

It was the first day of spring last Friday afternoon, as I tuned in to "The Transistor Pyros" with your hosts DJ Smoke and DJ Ash from 12-2pm. Ya know, taking a step back a moment...I've always wondered if any DJ has ever felt pressured to deliver a clutch performance when I called to tell them that I was reviewing their show. Well, sure enough, last Friday, I found out the answer to that question as DJ Smoke mentioned on the air how the pressure was to put on a good show because I was reviewing their show. I just thought it was kind of funny. They played a real strong variety of stuff hitting on some Sum 41, Eminem, Audioslave, ZZ Top, STP, Queen and a favorite of all the "Hot Lunch" faithful out there... "She Hates Me" by Puddle Of Mudd...the censored version of course. I like how they speed up the tape on the mini disk and it sounds like the dude's saying, "She FU-ershilin Hates Me". Cool huh? But if you're open to all sorts of rock...this is a show to check out.

Moving on to last Sunday night, I was in Wal-Mart getting some Vittles and wasp spray, when on came "Overdrive" with The Mystery Man in the media and one-hour photo section. As I

stood there looking at some cheap dvd's and listening to his show, I was quite impressed with the professional quality of his show..I honestly don't think I would have noticed that it was tuned to 89.5 if I didn't know the dj personally. That's not to say that WNTÉ has a lack of quality programming, because there are many fine shows, many in fact that I have reviewed. But our mystery man does a great job of intermingling off clips and cool promo stuff with his loud rock based selection. By the way, he has some real solid promo stuff that he makes himself, including a very entertaining "F" word montage that always hits the spot for me! Mystery Man, you gotta get me copy of that if you are reading this! He played some heavy hitting stuff that included Drain STH, Powerman 5000, Rob Zombie, Cold Chamber, Sepultura, some "mandatory" Tool and two old gems, Metallica's "King Nothing" and Korn's "Blind"...I can still see my best friend ripping his shirt off and singing that back in high school after reading a poem in our auditorium...R.I.P. Mike.

Early Monday evening, it was time for the "Yeti and Fatman" show with Chad Landers, but unfortunately without Jake Burke. However he did call up from his cell phone to let Yeti and his slew of fill-ins know that they were stopped at a Big Boy's restaurant and that he and his motorcade would be back in Mansfield in no time. I hope Jake grabbed a doggie bag for me. But Yeti carried the torch with a little help from the "Dick" of the Dick and Peter's Show, Rich Stankiewicz, and the

master of dirty one liner's Shane Wilbur. Also WNTÉ's esteemed music director, Mike Peters, also of the Dick and Peters Show, and like 12 others dropped in as well. In fact he was playing verbal communication cop, as he corrected Yeti on the correct pronunciation of "fifty" when Yeti said "fitty". Nice work, Mike...maybe you can nag JayMac sometime, before he shines up his kicks real nice and shoves them up somebody's shizzel bizzel. I'm not much for Yeti's taste in music, but for all of you interested he played some Ashanti, J-Lo, Eminem, and Will Smith just to name a few. The close of the show turned out to be the steal of the night, as one of the guest hosts spoke on happenings of the prior weekend at a party on Friday night. Word about this has been all over campus, so I doubt I need to bore you with any details here, but I certainly do not condone for one single solitary second some of what I heard, and saw(yes I was in attendance). We're not boys anymore, we are gentlemen...and gentlemen are supposed to "get the door", if ya will, for the girls, not throw them in to one.

And lastly, just catch you all up on some recent happening's down at the 'Sylum, Wheels is ready to race "The Mountie", yes that bus you all love to parade around Mansfield in, and still no luck with reaching anyone in the master bedroom of the Neverland Ranch. Jacko's probably too busy out climbing a tree somewhere...oh well. Keep the Faith, God Bless America, and see ya at En En...they serve the Smiley Potatoes of Widney High there!

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OPINION & EDITORIAL

From the Editor's Desk:

On high alert in our backyards

By DYLAN BRUCIE

Flashlight Editor-in-Chief

Because America is at war, the country is on high alert. Due to the high risk of terrorist attack, Mansfield University is also on alert, should anything happen on this campus (although I highly doubt that a low population school with an even lower population surrounding community like Mansfield would be a target. But hey, you never know).

In the event that our campus actually is attacked, we'll be contacted through the Campus Announcement Network, various radio sources, the MU web page, MU email and flyers at the entrances of buildings. What I'm wondering is, what does the university plan to do after they warn us of a threat? Duct tape all the windows and openings in buildings shut (which would suffocate us before we'd die from airborne threats if it effectively sealed off the building, which it wouldn't)? Hoard us into insufficient bomb shelters? Will they give us sufficient time to leave the area if there is a threat and also provide transportation to those who don't have it? And if there is insufficient time to escape, do we really want to be warned? I don't mean to sound so morbid, but I wonder about these things.

I really don't think we have anything to worry about, and I know there has always been a threat, but I still can't help feeling that this war has raised our risk of attack while the powers that be claim that they're fighting in order to lower it. Also, in the process of preventing the loss of life in the future, soldiers on both sides of the war are being killed. Are these lives worth less than the lives that might be saved in the future? Or is it the notion that soldiers are dying rather than civilians? I'm sure that civilians inside Baghdad might have something to say about that notion.

As much as I don't like the fact that we have troops in Iraq in the first place, I hope for this conflict to end as quickly as possible, with as few casualties as possible, on both sides of the enemy lines.

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Letter to the editor:

Local heroes save teammate

Dear Editor:

I am writing to ask you for your help in showing my appreciation of nine of the most heroic people I have ever met in my life, Adam Keir and Coach Michael Rohl in particular. These two brave men saved my life last week. It was spring break and we were in New Mexico; the weather was perfect and we all had aspirations of a wonderful trip. But in one short day ten members of the Mansfield University Cross Country team witnessed first hand how fragile life really is. Our week had been scheduled full of sightseeing, climbing, high altitude training and of course, team bonding. However, the unexpected events of our first day in the desert will forever be branded on our memories.

It was 9 a.m. on Tuesday, March 4. The sun had just begun to stretch its rays across the pale blue sky as our 15-passenger van pulled into the parking lot at the base of Sandia Peak. Between the ten of us and our small backpacks, we packed a few water bottles, a bag of trail mix and some light jackets. Coach had warned us that it gets cold when we hike through the boulder field and we might want to have some extra layers to put on for later. None of us were aware that three feet of snow had fallen earlier that week and that no one had hiked this trail in weeks. Billy, the man who was stationed at the park's entrance, did not share this information with us either. So, unsuspectingly and very unprepared, we headed up the trail. Our goal was to make it to the top and enjoy a wonderful lunch at 10,000 feet above sea level. We had only expect-

ed to be out for four hours at the most.

For the first two hours of the hike, the ten of us chatted, goofed around and took advantage of photo opportunities along the well-groomed path. But the higher we hiked, the harder I found it to breathe. During one of our rests, I perched myself upon a rock positioned perfectly so that I could see the whole sky. I was a little light-headed and I had just closed my eyes for a second to collect myself. Then the next thing I knew, Adam and Coach were standing over me with worried expressions on their faces. Despite my unexpected little nap, I insisted that we continue on our way up the trail. I am the type of person who, if she starts out to do something, she is bound and determined to finish it.

With great hesitation, Coach agreed to continue and we slowly made our way up the La Luz Trail. The higher we went, the thicker the trees that surrounded the path became. Less and less sunlight was peaking through the leaves and it began to get colder. In a clearing, we stopped to add some layers and collect our thoughts. At this point I was very fatigued and I found it hard to keep my balance. As I chatted with my teammates, I could hear the anxiety in their voices. None of us had really grasped how bad of shape I was in yet. But when Coach made the choice to send seven of the group members ahead to the top to get help, we all exchanged worried glances. As I watched them disappear down the path, I began to feel the fear surround me.

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HERO (cont.)

Only two short miles from the top, it would be at least four hours before we would see our seven friends again. Luckily, two of the team members had brought along their cell phones, so each of the groups took one, just in case we needed to get a hold of each other.

Three steps, five steps, and sometimes ten steps at a time through the knee-deep, ice-crusted snow we trekked. "Just another half mile Liz, just two more laps around the track, you can do it," were among the many words of encouragement that my two guardian angels said to me. With Adam in the lead and Coach in the rear making sure that I did not fall off the edge, which was only inches away from my frozen, numb feet, we slowly made it to one switch back after another. It felt like days before we stopped to rest. Every time we did stop, we slowed down just a fraction, but we really could not afford to even do that. The day was quickly slipping away.

With each step, I became more and more fatigued and so did Adam and Coach. It had been at least four hours since we had started and we were all hungry, cold and worried.

However, the panic did not set in until Adam made the first phone call to the rescue team. When I heard him tell them that he didn't know if I

could make it, I realized that things must be really bad. If Adam and Coach thought that we might not make it out of here, we really may not. They had been my motivation and security that we were going to be fine and now all of a sudden they were second guessing that notion. I began to cry hysterically. Here I was on my 19th birthday, thousands of miles from home and I had no idea if I would ever see my family and friends again or even if I would ever see another sun rise.

As I sobbed, the three of us huddled close, but it was no use. No matter how close we were, the bitter cold of the storm that had hit the area earlier gnawed relentlessly at our inadequately clothed bodies. Faster and faster, the charcoal gray of the desert night sky crept across the horizon; it was the most beautiful sunset I had ever seen. With the realization that if we did not keep moving toward safety we may not make it at all, we began to make great progress through the bitter cold. My body was so tired and I found great difficulty standing, but the adrenaline created by the fear had given me the strength to keep going. We were moving faster than we had moved since that morning. But soon the energy drained out of me and I began to feel light headed again. The next thing I knew, I was on the ground and Coach and Adam

again were looking down at me with worried expressions on their faces.

To be honest, I don't remember much from that point until the first rescue team member found us. Her name was Barbara and I started to cry when I saw her running towards us. She brought dry gloves and hats for Coach and Adam and a warm sleeping bag for me. Coach and Adam were in a lot better shape than I was, so Barbara sent them down the path to meet the next group of the rescue team members. As I watched them make their way towards the voices calling to them, the tears were streaming down my cheeks and I thanked God aloud right there for sending me two angels. I think that Barbara thought I was hallucinating because she asked me who I was talking to. When I told her "God," she said that everything was going to be all right and I should consider myself a very lucky girl because He really does love me.

It is amazing to me to believe that I could have not been here today. They could have just left me there and went on ahead for help; instead they risked their lives while saving mine. Because of my seven teammates and Coach and Adam, I am able to write this letter today. I am hoping you can join with me in recognizing these wonderful people. This letter was the only thing I could think of to do to show them how much I really appreciate all they did for me. The 10 of us shared something that day that no one will ever understand completely, but I hope this letter has shown you how wonderful these people are and how lucky we all are that they are at Mansfield University with us.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth A. O'Dell

Politics and Opinion: Stand by your opinion

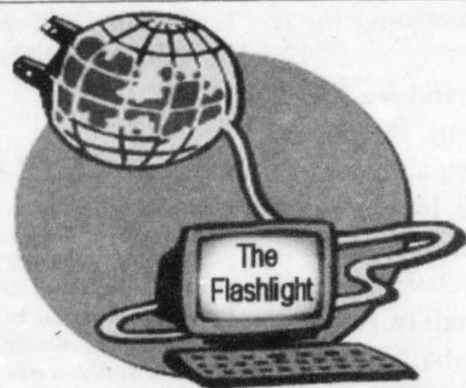
By CHRISTOPHER SHADLE

Flashlight Writer

America is at war. Facing the reality of war is nothing new for Americans. In the Civil War, the nation was torn apart over the issue of states' rights and slavery. Under President Abraham Lincoln, the Union was preserved. The same man who appealed "to the better angles of our nature," managed to carry a bloodied nation through four and a half long years of war. We fought alongside and against our European counterparts in World Wars I and II, and in the Vietnam War, America fought unsuccessfully to contain the spread of communism into South Vietnam.

I was struck last week by the hundreds of thousands of people around the nation and the world who stood up in defiance of the war in Iraq. Often times, choosing to oppose war has a far more negative consequence than favoring it. We must remember and not allow ourselves to deem those individuals opposed to war cowards. True cowardice exists only when a person chooses to stick his or her head in the mud, remaining mute. Like it or not, if one does not agree with anti-war protesters, the least we should do is give them credit for sticking up and fighting for what they believe in.

I often wonder where our nation would be today, had not thousands of African-Americans stood up in defiance of the racist laws which had become all too familiar in 1960s America. Just because an idea may be unpopular does not necessarily negate its merits. The true greatness of America exists in our natural born right to stand up and freely voice our opinion even if those personal beliefs go against popular opinion. I heard a quote from one of my fellow Marines once that said, "I may not agree with what you have to say, but I will fight 'til my dying breath to preserve your right to say it." As always, I urge each and every one of you never to take for granted how lucky we are to be Americans. I pray for our troops, our president, and our nation so that this war will most expeditiously be concluded. God bless America.



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'Take me out to the ball game!!'

By CHAD LANDERS
Flashlight Sports Writer

Since the moment the Anaheim Angels beat the San Francisco Giants in game seven of the World Series, every devoted baseball fan has been counting down the days until Opening Day. Wait no longer baseball fans; Opening Day is right around the corner. With less than a week left until Major League Baseball begins its grueling 162 game schedule, baseball fans are being bombarded with electrifying scenarios.

While baseball is a sport about excitement, good sportsmanship and athleticism, there are times when controversy and sadness diminish the game. Does Pete Rose deserve to be reinstated back into baseball? Did he bet on baseball? How can you justify keeping the all-time hits leader out of the Baseball Hall of Fame? Well, legends like Mike Schmidt have pleaded Rose's case for reinstatement to Commissioner Bud Selig. However, others stand opposed, like Tommy Lasorda.

Was it right for Jose Conesco to expose Major League Baseball for its excessive steroid use? Was David

Wells really drunk when he threw the no-hitter for the Yankees?

Casting even more sadness on baseball was the death of Jack Buck, Darryl Kile and Steve Bechler just this year. Oh yeah, don't think baseball fans will ever let Commissioner Bud Selig forget about the tie at last years All-Star game.

Aside from all that negativity surrounding Major League Baseball, fans do have a multitude of great scenarios and match-ups to look forward to.

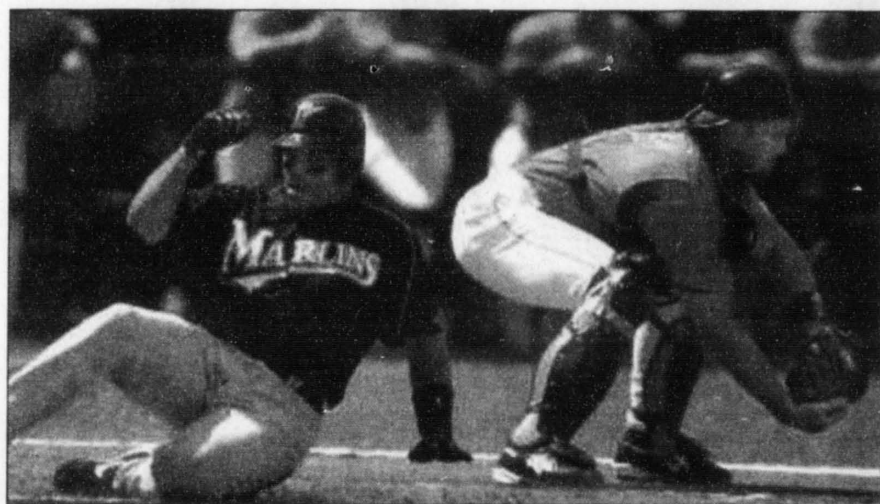
For instance, take the NL East Division. This division might turn out to be the most competitive of all the divisions this year. The Atlanta Braves have made the playoffs for the past 12 straight years. However, they let Tom Glavine go to the New York Mets, they traded away both Kevin Millwood to the Phillies and Damian Moss to the Giants, emptied out the best bullpen in all of baseball last year, and brought in three new starting pitchers to compliment aging Greg Maddux.

The Mets added Glavine and Cliff Floyd, let go Edgardo Alfonzo and Rey Ordonez, and managed to slim down Mo Vaughn. The

Phillies might have picked up the best free agent on the market, Jim Thome, added David Bell at third base and traded for Kevin Millwood. Don't forget about the Florida Marlins, who have a lot of great young talent and Gold Glove catcher, Ivan Rodriguez. Oh yeah, I almost forgot about the most interesting aspect of the NL East, the Montreal Expos. The Expos will take their low budget and super-star Vladimir Guerrero and head to Puerto Rico to play some games.

The NL East isn't the only great story of this year's baseball season; many managers left their old teams to seek glory elsewhere. Art Howe left the contending Oakland Athletics to try his expertise with the Mets. Lou Pinella left his Seattle spot on the bench to right the Tampa Bay sinking ship. Dusty Baker left the NL Champion Giants to try his luck with the Chicago Cubs. Now, Felipe Alou will enjoy watching Barry Bonds step-up to home plate close to 162 times.

Some players are wearing different uniforms as well. Many big names packed their bags and found new homes. Billy Koch decided to leave Oakland for the White Sox of



Yahoo Sports

Florida Marlin's catcher Ivan "Pudge" Rodriguez is one of many young stars on this year's Florida team.

the windy city. Jim Thome left the friendly confines of Jacob's Field in Cleveland for the hostile fans of Philadelphia. Jeff Kent decided playing alongside Barry Bonds wasn't much fun, so he left and signed with the Houston Astros, moving all-star second baseman Craig Biggio to centerfield. Tom Glavine left the Braves for the Mets, Kevin Millwood left the Braves for the Phillies, Mike Hampton left Coors Field for Turner Field, and Bartolo Colon followed Koch's lead and signed with the White Sox.

In addition to all the player and manager movement, many teams will try to improve on last year's outcome or try to prove that last year was no fluke. Among those trying to improve from last year are the Yankees, the Rangers, the Red Sox, the Cubs and Diamondbacks.

While the Yankees did make the playoffs again, losing to the eventual World Champs, the "Boss" considers any non-championship year a loss. He spent even more of his money this off-season and picked up Japan's home run slugger and Latin America's hurler.

Down in Texas, the Rangers are still trying to prove that Alex Rodriguez is really worth \$250 million. He came close to winning league MVP last year, but until he gets the entire team to play well, he will still be just another outrageously overpaid baseball player.

The Red Sox have a great pitching staff and hitters to compliment them, but are still hiding in the Yankees' shadow. They will try once again this year to step out from behind that shadow.

The Cubs as usual are always trying to make the playoffs behind the slugging of Sammy Sosa. They now have a great coach in Dusty Baker. Baker will try to lead them into October.

Arizona has probably the best starting pitcher duo in all of baseball. Unfortunately for the Diamondbacks, after Johnson and Schilling throw, there isn't a whole lot to look forward to from the mound. Look for that one-two-punch to reestablish their dominance in baseball.

Among those trying to prove last year was no fluke include the Angels, the Giants and the Twins.

The Angels have dumped the rally monkey and look to all of their young super-stars to lead them back to the playoffs, and hopefully another great World Series run.

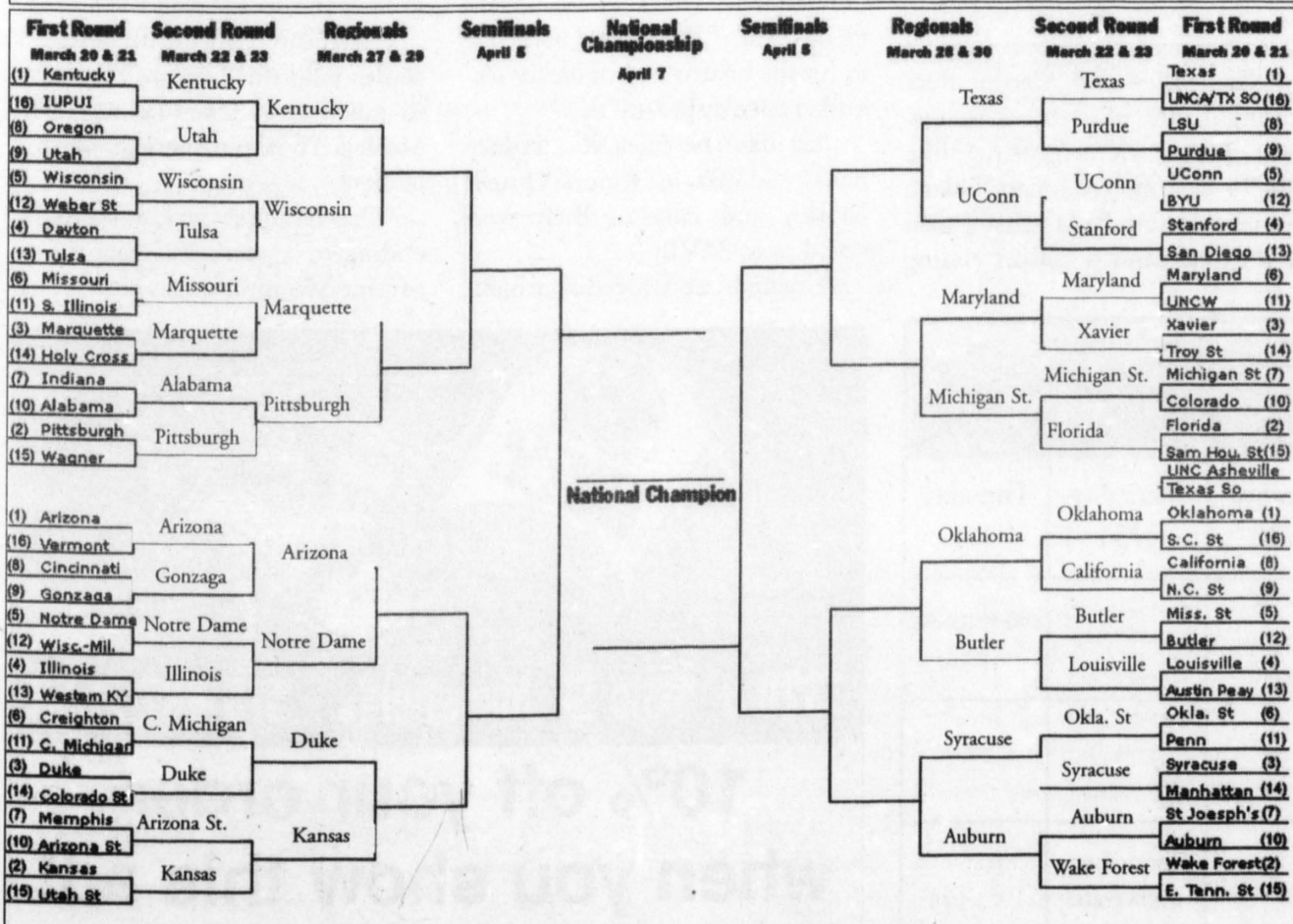
Barry Bonds will try to prove that even without Jeff Kent, he can still lead his team back to the World Series.

The Minnesota Twins will attempt to make their case for a second straight year that contracting them would be a very bad idea.

These are only a taste of all the exciting developments that await Opening Day. Will Barry surpass his idol and Godfather Willie Mays for third place on the all-time homerun list? How much is A-rod really worth? Can the Braves do it again? What's with the Yankees? Will Pete Rose ever get back into baseball? Will we see a winner in this years' All-Star game? All these questions and more will be answered in the 2003 Major League Baseball season.

So turn on your television, sit back and eat some Cracker Jacks.

2003 NCAA Mens Bracket



Rising up to the occasion

By GREGORY PELLEGRINO
Flashlight Sports Co-Editor

It was a night of recognition, achievements, and memories as the Mansfield University sporting world got together to recognize the 2002-2003 seasons.

On the night of March 20, members of the cheerleading squad, swim team, men's basketball and women's basketball got together to pay tribute to their respective seasons.

The swim team was called up first as coach Danita Fox went to the podium and discussed the 2002/03 season. This year's swim team had eight freshman, the most the school has had in years.

"I'm looking forward to coaching them next year," said Fox. "They added to the team in the depth aspect."

Freshman Andrea Popovic stood out during the season as she broke a school record in her final race of the season.

Also standing out was freshman Melissa Recchiuti who won Most Improved Player award for her improvements throughout the season.

It was no surprise as to who the MVP of the team was. Junior Katie Houck was voted MVP by her peers.

"She struggled her freshman year with shoulder problems," said Fox. "She took a year off after surgery and helped coach. She got a better perspective from the other side of the [bench]."

Since taking a year off Houck came back this year and helped lead the Mountie swim team.

Next up to the podium was the cheerleading squad, who this year had ten new members. Along with the help of the newly created student spirit the team the cheerleaders had some extra support when it came to cheering on Mountie sports.

The Most Improved Player for the cheerleading squad was Khineesha Johnson and MVP turned out to be Katie Jilson, who could be described as the Dan Holland of cheerleading.

One of the most accomplished teams, the Mountie indoor track team, was called up to hand out their season's awards.

"We set many records this season in indoor track," said Rohl. "It was a good season as improvement goes."

The track team not only set team records, they also set personal bests as the season progressed. There were eight men's records and 12 women's records set this year as 22 members qualified for the conference meet at East Stroudsburg.

The women finished in eighth place with 22 points as the relay team of Stephanie Cadwell, Charity Learn, Kim Short, and Teresa Stanford, won the school's first ever PSAC relay championship which was also the first women's championship in school history.

As the awards go, the most improved male and female were Jessica West and Brian Taylor. Stephanie Cadwell was named MVP for the women as for the men Josh Wooten took home the

MVP. In the fall, Wooten was named MVP for cross country.

After track, came the Mountie men's basketball team. The Mounties were coming off a season in which it made the PSAC playoffs and won the ECAC championship.

Coach Vince Alexander praised Mountie sports during his speech.

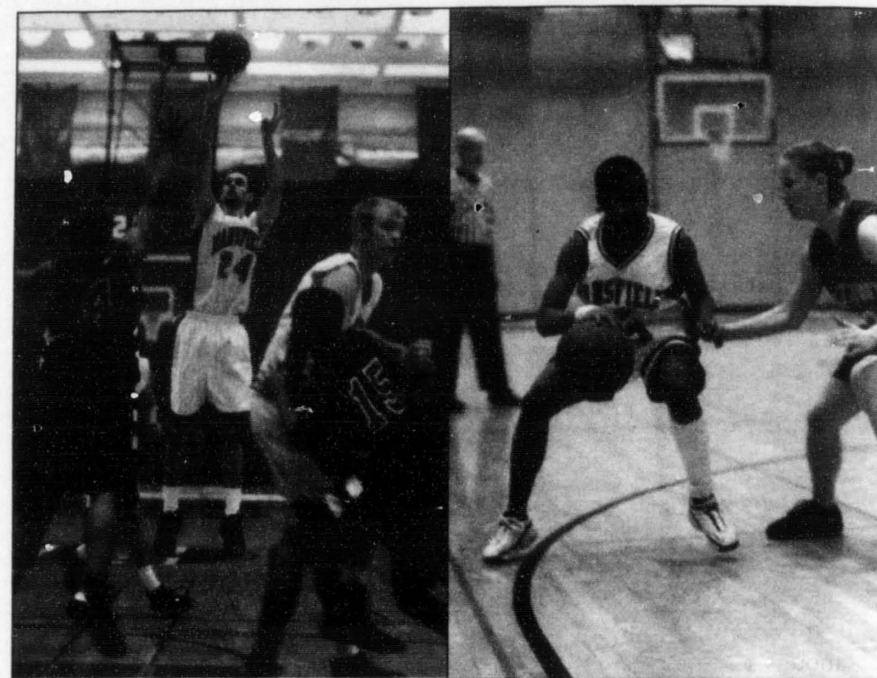
"Mansfield University is on a rise," said Alexander. "We're going to rise to the occasion. You're going to see good things for Mansfield sports in the future."

For the season, the Mounties' most improved player was Jason Roscoe. For the MVP award the Mounties had two winners. Freshman Bill McNeil who was named as PSAC East rookie of the year and junior Brett Longpre' were co-MVP for Mountie basketball.

"We accomplished a lot this season," said Alexander. "We said when we first met in September, individuals win awards, teams win championships."

The Mounties look to build on this year's success as they try to reach their goal of making the NCAA tournament.

Keeping with the basketball theme, Mounties head coach Ruth Henderson took the podium. Henderson stressed the teams success this season. Second best overall with wins for a season, seniors Lynelle Mosley and Allyson Buss scoring 1,000 plus career points, most PSAC victories since the '93/'94 season, freshman Danna Purnell winning PSAC East rookie of the year, and a season ending



Sports Information

Brett Longpre' (left) and Lynelle Mosley were named 2002/2003 winter athlete of the year during the sports banquet on March 20.

run for the PSAC playoffs capped off the 2002/03 season.

With Purnell winning PSAC East Rookie of the Year, marks the second year in a row that the Mounties had earned that award. Last year Alison Tagliaferri was named PSAC East Rookie of the Year.

This year's most improved player was junior Rachel Rieder who transferred to Mansfield from the University of California (Pa).

"[Rachel] gave us an inside presence especially when Alison [Tagliaferri] went down," said Henderson. "We needed someone to hit the boards and to create second chance opportunities."

Just like the men, the women had co-MVP's as seniors Lynelle Mosley and Allyson Buss were voted as co-MVP.

The night concluded as athletic

director Roger Maisner announced the results of winter athletes of the year. To no surprise, the male award went to men's basketball player Brett Longpre', who in each of his three years has improved statistically throughout his career.

"One of the things coach Alexander said was how team oriented we are," said Longpre'. "With this award this shows the team's confidence in me."

For the female winter athlete, the award stayed on the hard wood as Lynelle Mosley won the honor.

"Without [my teammates] I couldn't do this because they have so much confidence in me," said Mosley. "Without them I wouldn't be here."

The banquet was a symbolic ending to a successful winter season for Mountie sports.

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Flashlight Sports Feature - The Northern Tier Bruins

By JENNIFER A. NELSON

Flashlight Sports Co-Editor

They're bold. They're "enthusiastic". And, most of all, they are ready to play.

In a matter of weeks, you can see an all-new team compete in the Northeast Division of the North American Football League. That is right, ladies and gentlemen. Put your hands together for your Northern Tier Bruins. (Insert applause and screams from the fans.)

That is exactly what team President and owner Chris McClaud are expecting.

This semi-professional football team is part of a league that has about 73 teams in seven areas of the

United States. A tryout for the Bruins is set for March 29 at Athens Area High School. McClaud is looking to see about "100 prospective players to show up to strut their stuff." He suggested that "the players' physical skill was secondary to their level of commitment."

The Bruins and McClaud want to have a roster with up to 200 players. This would include 60 active players and the others to contribute to the practice team or be on the call-up list. He also wants to acquire players from the local area.

"Nobody will be cut," McClaud said. "If you're serious about getting ready to play and get in the weight room when you're not practicing, we're looking for (that) commitment."

ment."

These players that may be chosen will be some of the best players. In the years to come, the Northern Tier Bruins just might create a memorable team and produce outstanding players that are good enough to go all the way.

The head coach of the Bruins is Ryan Larcom. He believes the team will be a positive part of the region. "When I was approached about bringing a franchise of professional football to this area, I didn't know where Chris' motivation came from. To be quite frank about it, I didn't care because it was something I truly loved - the game of football."

What the franchise needs at this point is the support from the public.



So far, several corporate sponsors have responded well to this organization. Even the surrounding communities find promise in the new team. However, more sponsorship is needed by the organization for a promising campaign.

Possible players for the team are coming from areas that include Corning, Binghamton, Scranton and Harrisburg. The team is still not sure

where it will play its home games at this point. Several local schools in the region are being looked at for the future site of the Bruins' games.

The Northern Tier Bruins will begin their inaugural season on June 14 as they travel to Hamilton, Ontario to play the Hamilton Screaming Eagles. In the following week, the Bruins will play host to the Rochester Renegades.

On the sidelines: Heather Bensinger

By MICHAEL PETERS

Flashlight Sports Writer

The Mansfield University softball team plans to be a very competitive squad this season.

The Lady Mountaineers have both youth and experience on their side this season. Senior pitcher and outfielder Heather Bensinger is one of three seniors that will try and lead this team to a PSAC Eastern Division championship. Bensinger was a JUCO All-American pitcher at Penn State Hazelton. She will bring her success into her second season here at Mansfield.

Mike Peters: What is your year and major?

Heather Bensinger: I am a senior business management major.

MP: Do you have any nicknames?

HB: On the field, my teammates call me "HB."

MP: Where are you from?

HB: I am from Tamaqua, Pa right outside of Allentown

MP: Where did you play before you came to Mansfield?

HB: I played two seasons at Penn State Hazelton.

MP: How was the team over at Hazelton?

HB: We were really good there. They won six championships in a row.

MP: Was it a coincidence that

they won championships when you were there?

HB: No, I don't think so. They have always had a good team.

MP: Why did you come to Mansfield?

HB: After one of my high school games, someone told me to consider Mansfield University, so I could play softball here. After I was done playing at Hazelton, I came here and became a Mountie.

MP: When did you start playing softball?

HB: I started playing when I was in fifth grade.

MP: What position do you play?

HB: I play anywhere I can play. I usually stick to centerfield or pitcher.

MP: Which is your favorite position to play?

HB: I love to pitch. I thrive on pressure situations. I feel that when I have a lot of pressure, I pitch my best.

MP: What other positions would you want to play?

HB: I would love to play first and second base. I've played second before, so I'm familiar with it.

MP: Could you start at those positions?

HB: I think if I practice real hard, I could possibly start there.

MP: Did you play any other

sports in high school?

HB: No, I wanted to focus on my pitching.

MP: Why softball instead of other sports?

HB: I was into band, so between softball and band, I didn't have much time. I eventually quit band to focus on pitching.

MP: What did you do to improve your game?

HB: I pitched three days a week, and worked out three days a week. I had one day to myself.

MP: How long did you do this?

HB: I did this all year around.

I have no regrets

MP: How often does the team practice?

HB: We practice as a team everyday. Sometimes we get the weekend off.

MP: Do you practice on your own time?

HB: We'll have individual practices every once in a while.

MP: Have you won any awards on the field?

HB: I have won so many, its tough to remember the all. I was an All-American first team JUCO, and I was Channel 16's high school Sports Star of the Week.

MP: What was your reaction when you found out about the award?

HB: I didn't think it was possible. When my coach called me, I

didn't believe it. I don't put myself on a high pedestal. I am real hard on myself. I believe that I could always do so much better.

MP: How do you get along with the rest of the girls on the team?

HB: We all get along really well. We spend as much time off the field as well as on it.

MP: How important is team chemistry?

HB: It is very important. If you don't get along with your teammates off the field, you will not have success on the field.

MP: What are the differences between softball and baseball?

HB: I don't think there are many differences. The field dimensions are different, but it's the same idea.

MP: What is your favorite part about softball?

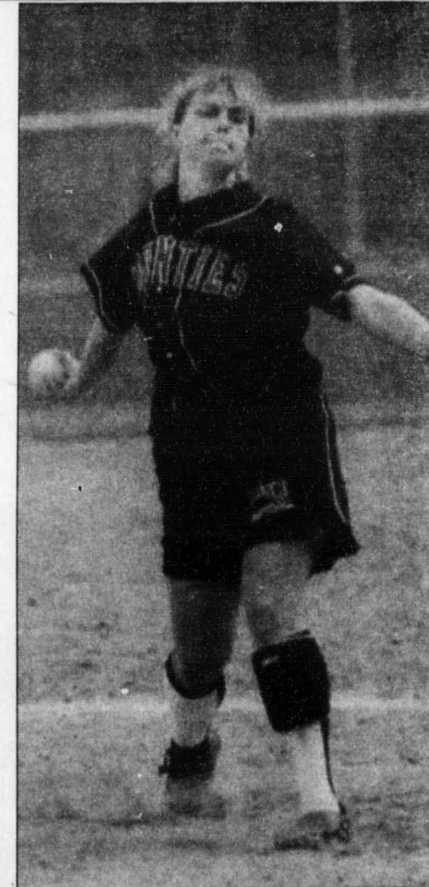
HB: My favorite part of the game is competition, I don't like playing without pressure.

MP: What do you plan to do after college?

HB: I want to manage a business after school.

MP: How much different would your life be without the game?

HB: I can't see my life any other way. I think of this motto; "Eat, sleep, dream softball." That is what I do.



MP: How is the team going to do this year?

HB: We are looking pretty good in the standings so far. If we stick together, we'll be really good.

MP: Will Heather Bensinger do better this year, than she did last year?

HB: I hope so too, I've improved a lot over the off-season. I have lifted more weights and become a lot stronger. I hope to improve every aspect of my game



Flashlight Sports

MANSFIELD UNIVERSITY ❖ MANSFIELD, PENNSYLVANIA ❖ WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26, 2003

Manwaring belts two for MU

Mansfield splits with the 'Rock; fights off the 'Scots

By JENNIFER A. NELSON

Flashlight Sports Co-Editor

Mansfield continued their quest for the championship at Slippery Rock University on March 22.

The Mounties split a double-header with Slippery Rock, improving their record to 11-8. In game one, Jeff Papi recorded his second loss of the season as Slippery Rock snuck past Mansfield, 6-2. The Mounties managed four hits during the game including Brett Brown's first inning two-run home run. Nathan Statzer and Brandon Stewart helped in the Slippery Rock win.

In the nightcap, Slippery Rock could not get past the Mounties as they lost, 4-3. On the mound for Mansfield was Dan Yoder. Yoder recorded his fourth victory thus far. Over five innings, he allowed five hits and fanned five batters. Yoder

"I think I pitched pretty well. I struggled with getting ahead of the batters, but I still managed to get people out."

Pitcher Matt Allegretto

was relieved by John Cronin in the sixth. Cronin struck out two and did not give up any hits to Slippery Rock.

Matt Mills was the Mountie powerhouse, recording three RBIs as he pounded a double. Mills emptied the bases in the first inning after Jason Manwaring put the first run on the board for Mansfield.

On March 23, the Mountaineers put the Edinboro Fighting Scots to sleep. The brooms were on hand as Mansfield swept Edinboro, 9-3 and 11-4.

In game one, Matt Allegretto

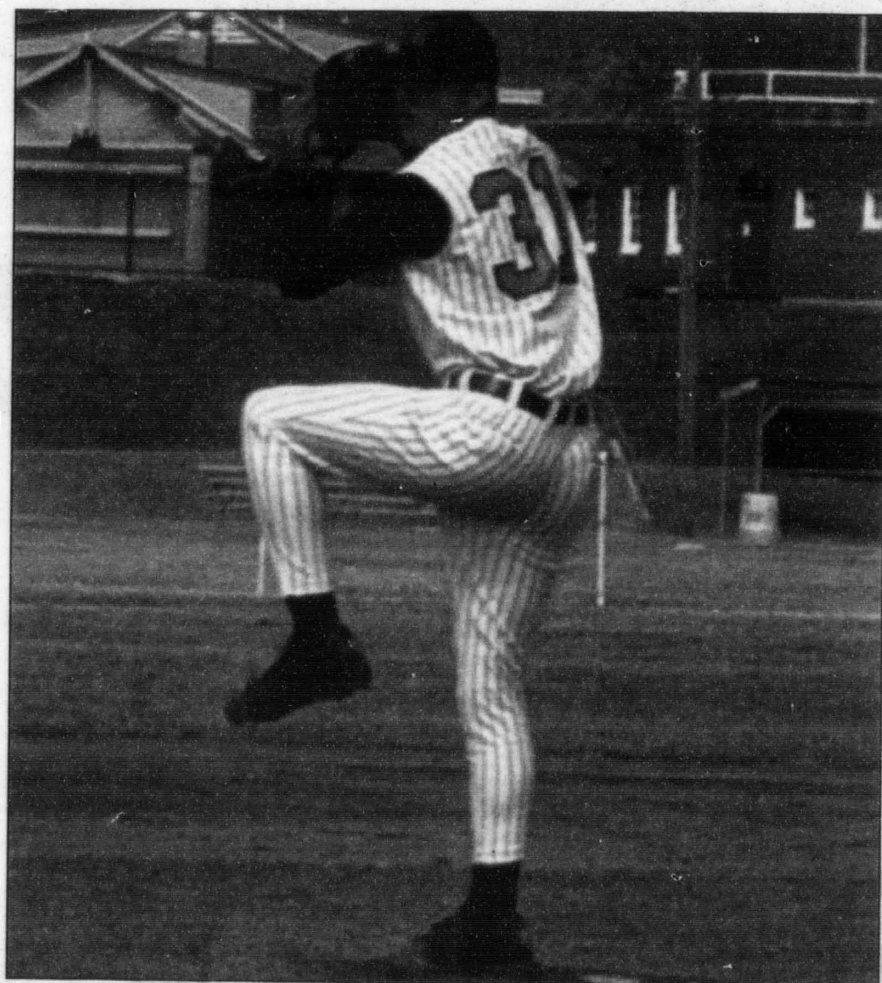
struck out five Fighting Scots and gave up seven hits to add his second win on the season. "I think I pitched pretty well," Allegretto said. "I struggled with getting ahead of the batters, but I still managed to get people out."

Mansfield's bats proved too much for Edinboro's Kyle Rizzi. Aaron Kilgo sliced an RBI single in the first to begin the Mounties' smackdown over Edinboro. The Mounties owned the sixth inning as Matt Mills started things off with his single. Dan Kochenderfer and Brett Brown would later reach base to load them up for the Mounties. Jason Manwaring then crushed a grand slam in Mansfield's shelling of Edinboro.

In game two, T.J. Dincher and Marty Rakaczewski helped the Mounties improve their record to 13-8 this season. Travis Butcher recorded the loss for Edinboro. Again, the Kilgo's bat began Mansfield's dominance. He knocked a two-run single in the first.

Manwaring slammed a home run in the fourth followed by D.J. Hoshauer's two-run double. Hoshauer later cracked a three-run home run against the Fighting Scots.

The Mounties are currently ranked 30th in the nation as of yesterday's collegiate poll. Mansfield will play host to a PSAC East double-header against the Red Raiders of Shippensburg University today at 1 p.m. at Shaute Field.



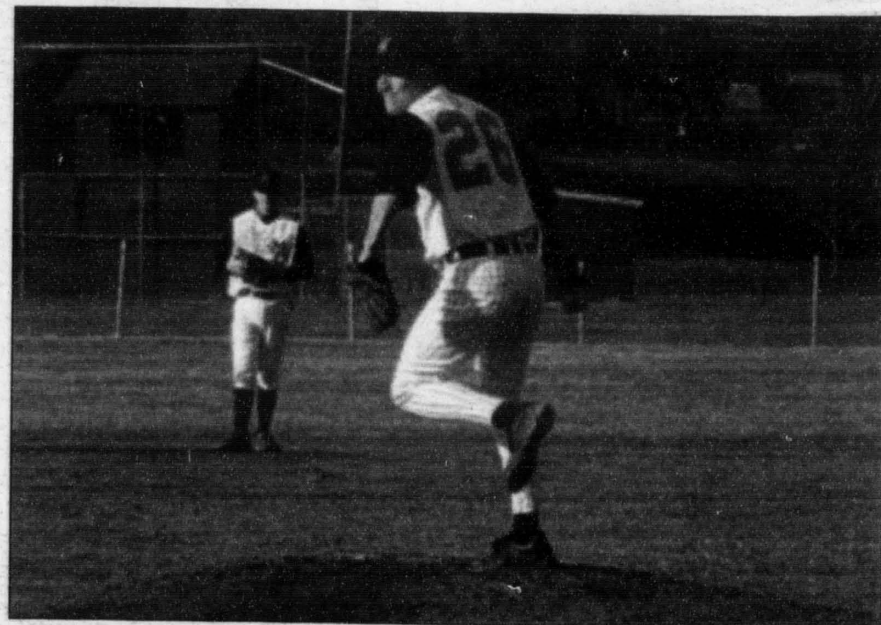
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Freshman Matt Allegretto won his second game of the season against Edinboro University.



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Over the weekend, Matt Mills helped in the Mounties' efforts to improve their overall record to 13-8.



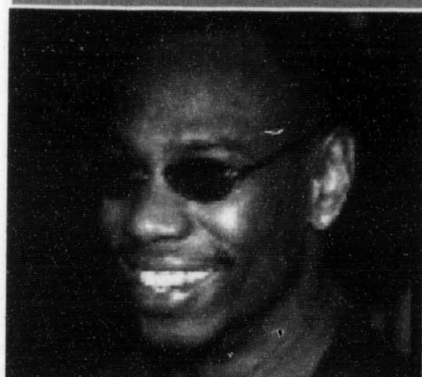
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Marty Rakaczewski has become the Mounties' key reliever this season. He picked up his third save on the year over the Fighting Scots.



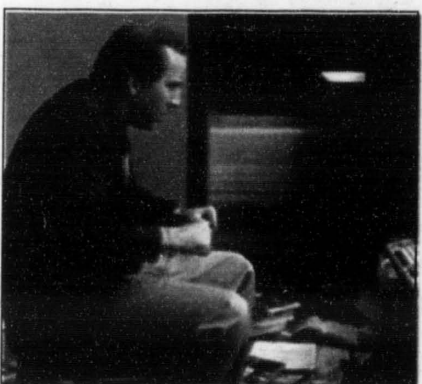
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'Impromptu' makes its debut at MU

By HEATHER OISTER
Flashlight News Co-Editor

The MU Theatre department will present the comedic play "Impromptu" next week in Straughn Auditorium.

The play, directed by Jedediah Linsley, is written by Tad Mosel and is about four actors who a stage manager has asked to improvise a play about life in front of an audience. The main body of the show is their attempts to improvise this.

"In the process, the characters discover things about the roles they play on stage and off, and the entire play works from a beautiful metaphor," Linsley said.

While "Impromptu" is the main show, a performance of "Let's Eat Hair!" will follow it.

"Let's Eat Hair!" is a post-war German theatre piece written by Carl Laszlo, who was very involved in the German Dada movement. "...but the script reads much more like surrealism to me and that is the way in which it has been directed," Linsley said.

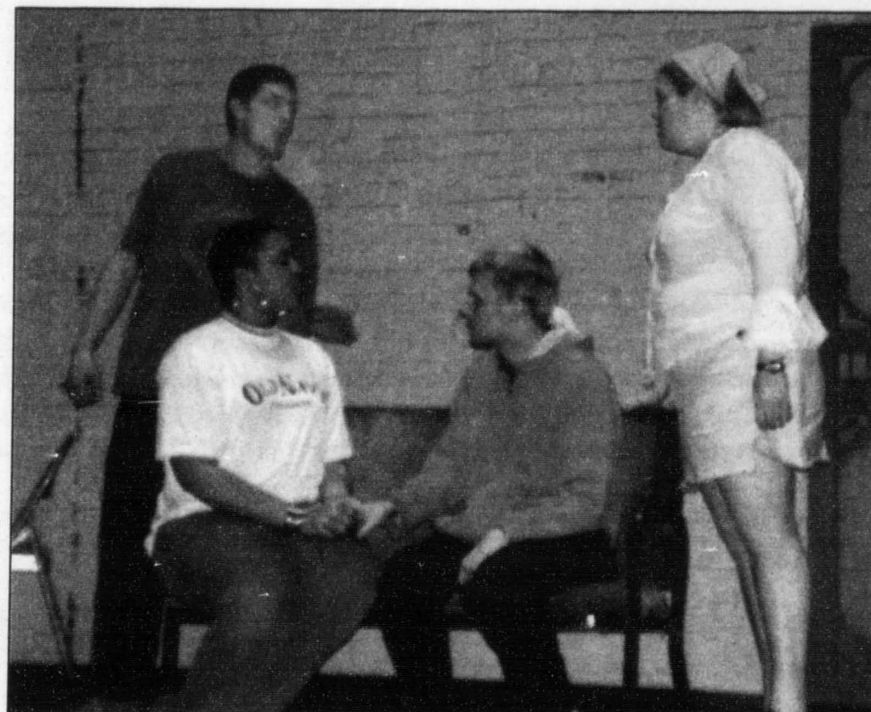
Linsley has worked hard to bring realism to the abstract piece, which also explores language and approaches to life.

"I decided to mount these two scripts together because I think they compliment each other very nicely," Linsley said. "The two scripts present different, though complimentary, views on life."

"Impromptu" consists of four actors: Kennedy Allen, Jonas Erickson, Courtney Hugo, and Rhyann Kleiner. The last three will also be performing "Let's Eat Hair!" The assistant director/stage manager is Tim Preston.

"Thanks to their creativity and commitment, it has been a success of the collaborative process as well as an enjoyable one," Linsley said.

Linsley is a Theatre and Philosophy major here at Mansfield University. He is currently the president of MU Dramatics, and this will be the second show he has directed. His first was Mark Twain's "The Diaries of Adam and Eve." He has served as assistant



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Rhyann Kleiner, Kennedy Allen, Jonas Erickson and Courtney Hugo rehearse a scene from "Impromptu."

director/stage manager for "The Monogamist" and "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum." His acting career includes an impressive amount of professor directed shows here at Mansfield. Most recently, he portrayed the character of Robert in "Proof" and

was Macbeth in "Macbeth."

"Impromptu" and "Let's Eat Hair" will be performed on Tuesday, April 8 at 8 p.m. and Wednesday, April 9 at 4 p.m. Both will occur in Straughn Auditorium. Seating is on stage, and therefore, will be limited. Tickets are \$1.

MISO celebrates peace in festival

The Mansfield international student organization (MISO) will celebrate its 22nd Annual International Festival on April 12 in Manser North Dining Hall. The theme of this year's festival is "Peace it together".

The festival will feature international cuisine, a show of traditional dress, and entertainment from different cultures. To turn the festival into a helping hand, MISO will sponsor a lottery to raise money to contribute to the United Nations

Children Fund (UNICEF).

MISO is proud to announce that Nina Warriner, Mansfield Alumni and teacher in Bath, NY, will be the guest speaker of the festival. Warriner developed a "Peacemaking for Children" program which will be presented to the audience.

In addition, MISO will release its new multimedia CD "MISO Inside". The CD features interviews with MISO members who tell humorous and outrageous stories about incidents that happened to them in the United States and reveals common misconceptions that prevail in the USA about their countries.

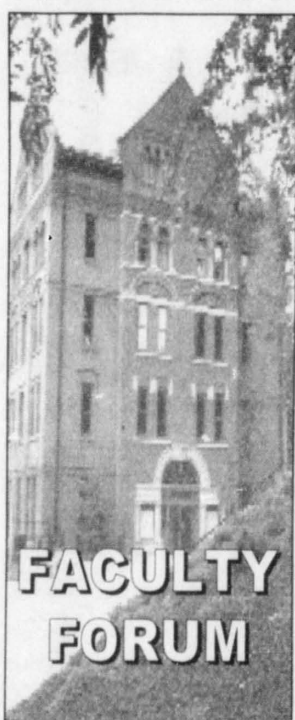
The festival is a special and

exciting event for MISO. It gives MISO an opportunity to contribute a wealth of knowledge to the Mansfield University campus and local community through various expressions of our different cultures and backgrounds. The

Tickets are available at Pine Crest Manor, Room 108 or 114. Tickets will also be sold in lower Manser and at the Student Center, beginning March 31st. For more information call 662-4443 or 662-4381, or send e-mail to m_son@mail.ru.



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13+	Friday, April 11
11+	Monday, April 14
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The President's Commission on the Status of Women held their Annual Luncheon last Wednesday in North Manser Dining Hall. Mansfield University students were given the opportunity to nominate any faculty, staff or student whom they regarded as an Outstanding Mentor of Women. The recipient could be either female or male. Both the nominator and the nominee were invited to the luncheon. Each student submitted a brief summary detailing the rationale for their nomination. Each nomination and summary was read during the luncheon by Dr. K. Sue Young, Chairperson of the Commission. Following the reading, each recipient received a certificate and congratulations from Dr. John Halstead, President of Mansfield University.

The following is a list of the faculty, staff or student nominated and the person (or persons) who nominated them:

Nancy Sidell - Lori Johnson, Jannie Hess; Tom Caulfield - Anne Bartone, Cara Jones, Catherine George; Denise Seigart - Kate Yenik; Cindy Keller - Michele Petrosky; Betsy Kuhl - Janel Rose, Angela Steining; Bob Maris - Kim Tassinaro; Adrienne McEvoy - Sarah Sullivan; Toni Baylor-Ayewoh - Stephanie Jerome, Tonya Clemon; Margaret Launius - Deborah Worthington;

Theresa Stanford - Elizabeth O'Dell; Deb Casey - Rachel Welch;

Lou Labuski-Brown - Jessica Arredondo; Abe Ghods - Maria Jacome;

Sharon Carrish - Stephanie Jerome; Jane McGuire - Marie Watson; Betsy Bisel - Laura Kline;

Gayle Kretzer - Betsy Bisel, Brittany Bisel; Ann Mabe - Catherine George

Many thanks to Sheila Kasperek for assisting with the luncheon and also supplying the above information. A good time was had by all.

Faculty and staff items of interest to the campus community should be sent to scarrish@mnsfld.edu. Items will be limited only by space and clarity.

POLICE BEAT

March 22, 2003 - Illegal Tampering: An unknown person discharged a fire extinguisher in the second floor recreation room of Cedarcrest Manor, causing the building to be evacuated around 2:30 a.m. The incident is under investigation.

March 24, 2003 - Theft: An unknown person removed two laptop computers (value: \$2000) from a residence hall room in Pinecrest Manor. The incident is under investigation.

March 26, 2003 - Harassment: Matthew Mullins, 19, was charged with four counts of Harassment by Communications or Address and one count of Ethnic Intimidation after making phone calls of a harassing nature to university students and an employee while a student at MU.

March 26, 2003 - Theft: A Mansfield University student reported that an unknown person entered her room and removed \$50 to \$60 in currency from her wallet in Laurel Manor while the room was unoccupied. The incident is under investigation.

March 26, 2003 - Disorderly Conduct: Loren Carpenter, 21, was referred to campus judicial after falsely broadcasting over the campus radio station that an individual was threatening to jump off the roof of North Hall. After receiving numerous calls on the issue, campus police rushed to the scene to find nothing. Carpenter admitted to it being a joke.

March 27, 2003 - Theft: Sometime between the dates of Mar. 24 and Mar. 26, an unknown individual removed a CD player and CD case containing 24 Cd's valued at approximately \$450 from a vehicle parked in T-lot. The incident is under investigation.

March 27, 2003 - Criminal Mischief: An unknown person broke two side mirrors on a Mansfield University student's car parked in T-lot.

March 28, 2003 - Criminal Mischief: An unknown person kicked a large dent into the driver's side quarter panel of a student's car parked in E parking lot. The incident is under investigation.

March 28, 2003 - Criminal Mischief: An unknown person vandalized a student vehicle parked in E parking lot by breaking off the driver's side mirror. The incident is under investigation.

If you have any information regarding these or other cases, please contact the police at 662-4900 or submit a tip anonymously at http://www.mnsfld.edu/~police/Anonymous_Tip.htm

Info-to-Go Campus Bulletin Board

★ **The Film Series** has two exciting and provocative films coming up: *Frida*, starring Salma Hayek and Alfred Molina as artists Frida Kahlo and Diego Rivera, showing tomorrow at 4 p.m. in Allen Lecture Hall, and *Bowling for Columbine*, Michael Moore's controversial film about school violence and gun control, showing on Thursday, April 17 at 4 p.m. in Allen Lecture Hall. *Frida* received an Academy Award for Original Music Score, and *Columbine* for Best Documentary Feature. Both films are in English and admission is free. The series is sponsored by the Office of the Provost.

★ **Phi Beta Lambda** will be hosting its **Second Annual Career Fair** on Monday, April 7, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Kelchner Fitness Center. There will be many companies attending this year to cover a broad range of interests for different majors. Students are encouraged to bring their resumes. If you have any questions about the Career Fair please address them to collins2@mnsfld.edu. Hope to see you there!

★ A limited number of **full-time summer employment opportunities** are available for returning students this year. If you're interested, please see Chris Vaughn in the Student Financial Planning Office, 104 Alumni Hall, as soon as possible.

★ If your organization is planning to elect or has already elected new officers, please let the Student Affairs Office know so the **Organizational Directory** can be updated. There are three ways to let us know: pick up a form in 516 North Hall, check out the Student Affairs webpage, or e-mail dmilicev@mansfield.edu.

★ A **support group** for members of the Mansfield University community who are dealing with the stresses of having family or friends deployed for the war has been formed. Meetings will be Mondays at 3 p.m. in Pinecrest room 112. For more information, please contact Deb Casey at x4432, or Nicole Welshans at x6769. All are welcome, and we hope to see you there.

★ Every Wednesday from 7 to 10 p.m. a **billiards tournament** will be held in Alumni Hall Student Center. Last week's winners are: 1) Ryan Seigert, 2) Matt Bliss, 3) Andy Bishop.

Announcements for *Info-to-Go* can be e-mailed to flashlit@mnsfld.edu and will be published on a first-come, first-served basis.

Inaugural Geek Week has only modest success

By JONATHAN SCHWAB

Flashlight Writer

The first-ever Geek Week took place at Mansfield University from

March 17 to March 22.

The week of events and activities was an overall success, according to Geek Week committee co-chairper-

son Mario Migliori.

"The general turnout was very good, for a first year event, and it's only going to improve."

The two most successful events of Geek Week were the concert and the LAN tournament, according to Migliori.

The LAN tournament, which took place Saturday, Mar. 22, at the Hut, was a computer game contest, in which people took their computers up to the Hut and all hooked the computers up to a network and played games, according to Migliori.

The concert was held Thursday, Mar. 20. It featured four local bands and had the largest turnout of any Geek Week event, according to Migliori.

"The biggest turnout was 40 people and that was for the concert,"

Migliori said.

Despite the fact that the concert drew the greatest number of people, Migliori was disappointed with the crowd for the show.

"We had somewhat of a low turnout for the concert, we expected more people...overall, it was a success."

Migliori thought some of the low turnout was tied to Geek Week being a first year effort.

"We always wish for more people to show up at our events, and for some of the events, we wished more people came. It was only our first time around and you can't expect it to become a smashing success the first time you do it," he said.

There is already enthusiasm to make next year's Geek Week even better, according to Migliori.

"[The Geek Week organizers]

personally think next year a lot more people will show up," Migliori said.

Some of the improvements for a potential Geek Week 2004 include more prominent sponsors and better prizes, according to Migliori. At the very least, Migliori said that he and all the others who worked on Geek Week have learned valuable lessons from the experience that he believes will be helpful to them when it comes to future Geek Weeks.

"We learned that things take time. We learned that we all have to work hard. We have to keep this going. The longer we do it, the more people are going to get interested."



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President Halstead makes some new friends during Geek Week.

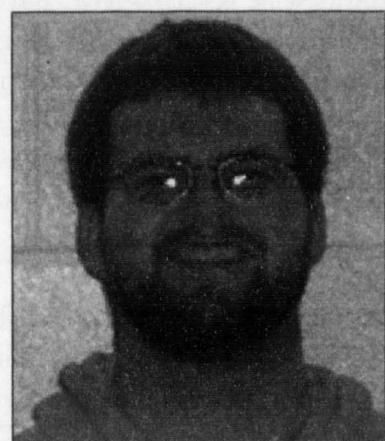
MU sophomore receives national PRSSA position

By CARRIE COLEY

Flashlight Writer

Jacob Burke, a sophomore majoring in Broadcasting and Journalism, was named National Webmaster for the Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA) last week. Burke, who submitted a bid in February and ran unopposed, took a six-day trip to Miami, Florida for PRSSA.

During those six days, Burke gave a presentation and attended several conferences and sessions focusing on time management and team building. On Saturday, Burke



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Jake Burke, PRSSA's new National Webmaster

the year, he will be involved in the maintenance of four different websites. The main website is www.prssa.org. Other branches of this website will be the national conference website, the PRSSA job center, and FORUM, a national newsletter of PRSSA.

His first official act as National

Webmaster will be June 4 to 8 when he will travel along with eight other people, to Scottsdale, Arizona to represent PRSSA at a national committee leadership conference. This trip will be followed by another one to New Orleans, La. from Oct. 22 to 29.

Burke joined PRSSA during his freshman year and said, "The most beneficial part of being Webmaster is being able to expand my skills in web design and improving my professional communication skills."

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Random Ramblings

By RACHEL ADAMS ★
& COREY MEOLA ★
*Flashlight News Editor and
Flashlight Copy Editor*

★ After putting up with the abysmal potholes on Clinton Street for about, oh, FOUR YEARS NOW, I decided to write a story about them for our beloved *Trashlight*. So I ventured out with our camera yesterday afternoon to take pictures of said yawning canyons, and they've all been filled in. WTF? I just drove around them on Sunday, and now that I've decided to vocalize my displeasure, they've been fixed. Hmm. Maybe I should apply this tactic to Manser.

★ So I went to NYC on Saturday with SAO and it just so happens that it rained in the city that day and I left my raincoat at home and I do not own an umbrella. Others

were in this situation as well, like our editor-in-chief, who wins the prize for being the wettest out of everyone I saw at the end of the day. My point, though is actually about the people that ran past those of us who were getting wet trying to avoid the rain. Do they think they can get between the drops? Is some water on your head or clothes really going to make that much of a difference? I think not. It's water. Deal.

★ My Little and I went to Madame Tussaud's Wax Museum on Saturday. Those things look so real. I kept stepping in front of wax figures and turning to apologize because I thought I was getting in the way of some moron with a camera who feels the need to take a picture. It's a little unsettling to see all these people star-

ing at you and at the same time not. The highlight of that trip, though, was when I taught these foreign people how to use the water fountain, and made friends with some old ladies outside the bathroom.

★ Commercial Rant of the Week- There's this commercial for Maryland, featuring the newest Subway guy as the dad, and near the end they get a flat tire. They end up pulling up to this house and asking for a flashlight and the guy turns the lighthouse light onto the car. I find that to be a hazard to the ships he's supposed to be warning, and I find it very hard to believe that someone would actually use a lighthouse as a flashlight, but maybe that's just me.

TODAY IN HISTORY

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1991 - Price hikes of up to 200 percent on basic goods and public transport went into effect throughout the Soviet Union, sparking widespread popular anger.

1992 - Mafia boss John Gotti, nicknamed "Teflon Don" after emerging unscathed from previous trials, was convicted of murder and racketeering.

1994 - A congress of Russia's extreme nationalist Liberal Democratic Party named Vladimir Zhirinovskiy as the party's candidate for future presidential elections.

1996 - Russia and Belarus signed a treaty that created a tight-knit political and economic alliance within the Commonwealth of Independent States.

1996 - Lech Walesa, the former Solidarity union leader who became Poland's first post-war democratic president, resumed his old job as an electrician at the Gdansk shipyard.

GEEKculture

By TODD BAILEY
Flashlight Writer

• Finally! The powers that be at WWE have heard my cries! Bill Goldberg has arrived at WWE! This is about the be crazy! I missed this year's Wrestlemania but I have heard that it was a good one. I wish I could have seen the Hogan/Vince match and more importantly, the HBK/Jericho match. You better believe I'll be seeing Backlash, especially because it looks like we are in for Goldberg verses the Rock!

• If you haven't picked up the *Who Framed Roger Rabbit* DVD yet, you are cheating yourself. It is such a great disc. So many special features that even I have not been through all of them yet!

• *A Man Apart* is being released this week, might have to sell some VHS to go see it...unless one of my loyal readers would like to treat the GEEK to the feature. This seems to be a good role for Vin.

• I am still trying to get to *Dreamcatcher* so I can tell you guys more about the Matrix short that is with it.

• I heard many good things about the PS2 game *Tenchu*. I am a fan of the PS1 game so I am sure that I'll like this new edition of the ninja adventure game.

• Small GEEK announcement: If any of you GEEKlets out there are dying for a chance to be in the GEEK's next full length feature film that is set for production in fall 03, please visit www.tizoddproductions.com and e-mail me through that site. I would like to set up some form of an early casting call.

• GEEK's Random Quote of the Week:
"First rule in Fight Club is you do not talk about Fight Club."
-Tyler Durden
Fight Club

In the GEEKlight: *Minority Report*

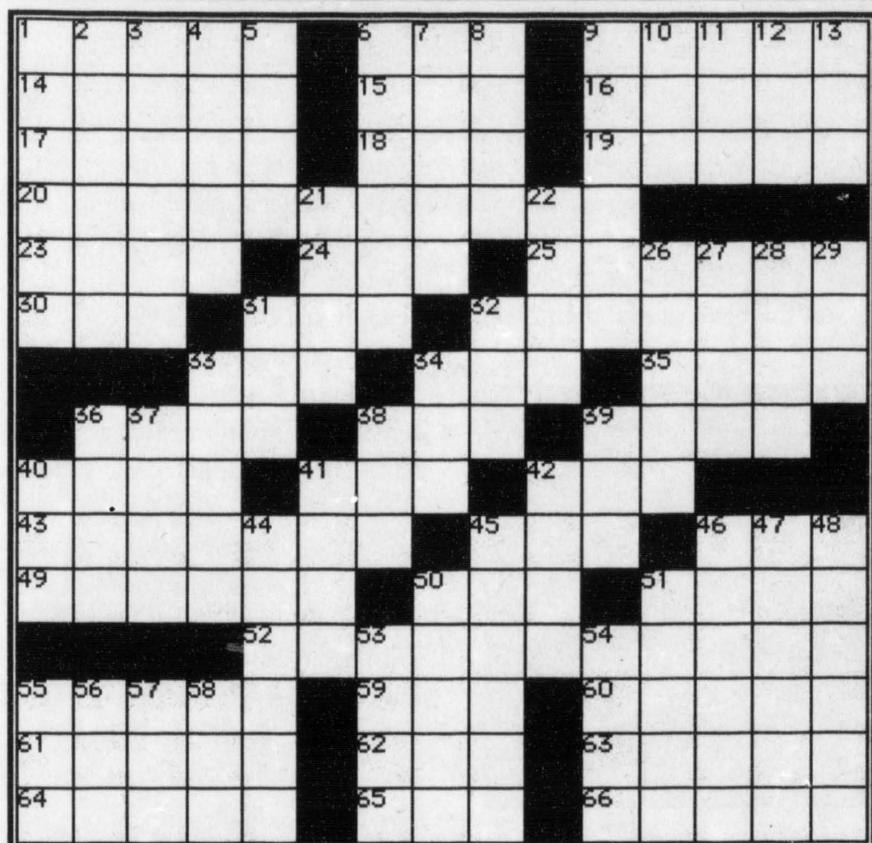


TRASHLIGHT EDITION

- ★ The new Linkin Park is out, and, man, does it rule!
- ★ Dudes, I don't know if gets any deeper than the songs that Mudvayne play. Those guys are really deep because their lyrics touch me deeply. And they are so heavy and chaotic, they are the real definition of math rock! I wish I could see those guys live everyday and hear their interviews all the time because they always have such deep things to say about their music!
- ★ Thank the rock gods that Stone Sour is still around, and I can't wait until Slipknot gets back into the studio! Those guys are so heavy I think it adds pounds listening to them! And that whole gimmick about being trash and less than dirt, I mean, wow, that hits so home for me! I love them and their masks and their numbers as names thing! Wouldn't it be so cool if, like, Slipknot went on tour with their sidebands Stone Sour and Murder City Dolls?!?! That's so much of the 'knot that I might explode from the greatness!
- ★ Man, when I feel psycho, and that's pretty much all the time, there's nothing better than putting one of the 400 I.C.P. CDs and just going crazy! Those guys are insane! I wouldn't want to mess with those dudes cuz they would go psycho on me, and it would be so crazy that I might explode! Those guys should challenge all those fake rappers to a freestyle challenge cuz they can throw it down, and I know that they would represent for all us psychos going off to their insanity! I can't wait for yet another album and for their record label to finally get all the recognition they deserve because all the bands they sign have to be crazy!
- ★ Freaks, I emailed Marilyn Manson cuz I love his music and all his wardrobe changes and how he is such a rebel and I think he might come play a show at Mansfield! That would be the greatest thing since he debuted! I mean, he says what I'm thinking, especially during all his interviews when he says exactly what needs to be said! Nobody is more badass than Marilyn, and he shows it with all the insane stuff he does! He doesn't care what anyone thinks of him and that makes him so cool that I want to marry him!
- ★ There's no rapper better than Ja Rule! Except maybe Fat Joe! He can really hit it up! I like how most rap today all talks about the same things so it doesn't matter who I listen to, I know I can relate to all the bling, girls, cars, etc.!!! All the beats are mad awesome, too! It's like I'm from the streets when I hear that junk bumpin'!

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Flashlight meeting 5 p.m.!



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6 Commercial messages
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15 Baby louse
16 Type of indoor football
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18 Egg

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25 Cancel
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33 Slang for diamonds

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43 Monotony
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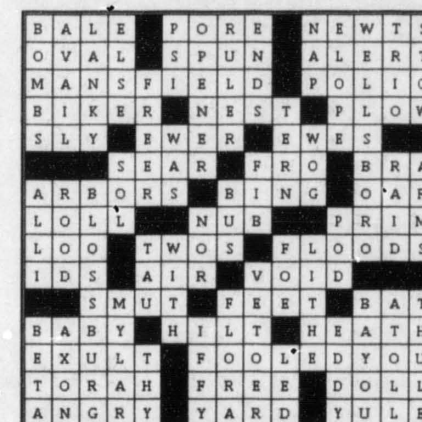
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40 Japanese belt
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44 Faithful
45 Small cave
46 Whirlybird

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Puzzle by DAN MASON

Last weeks solution



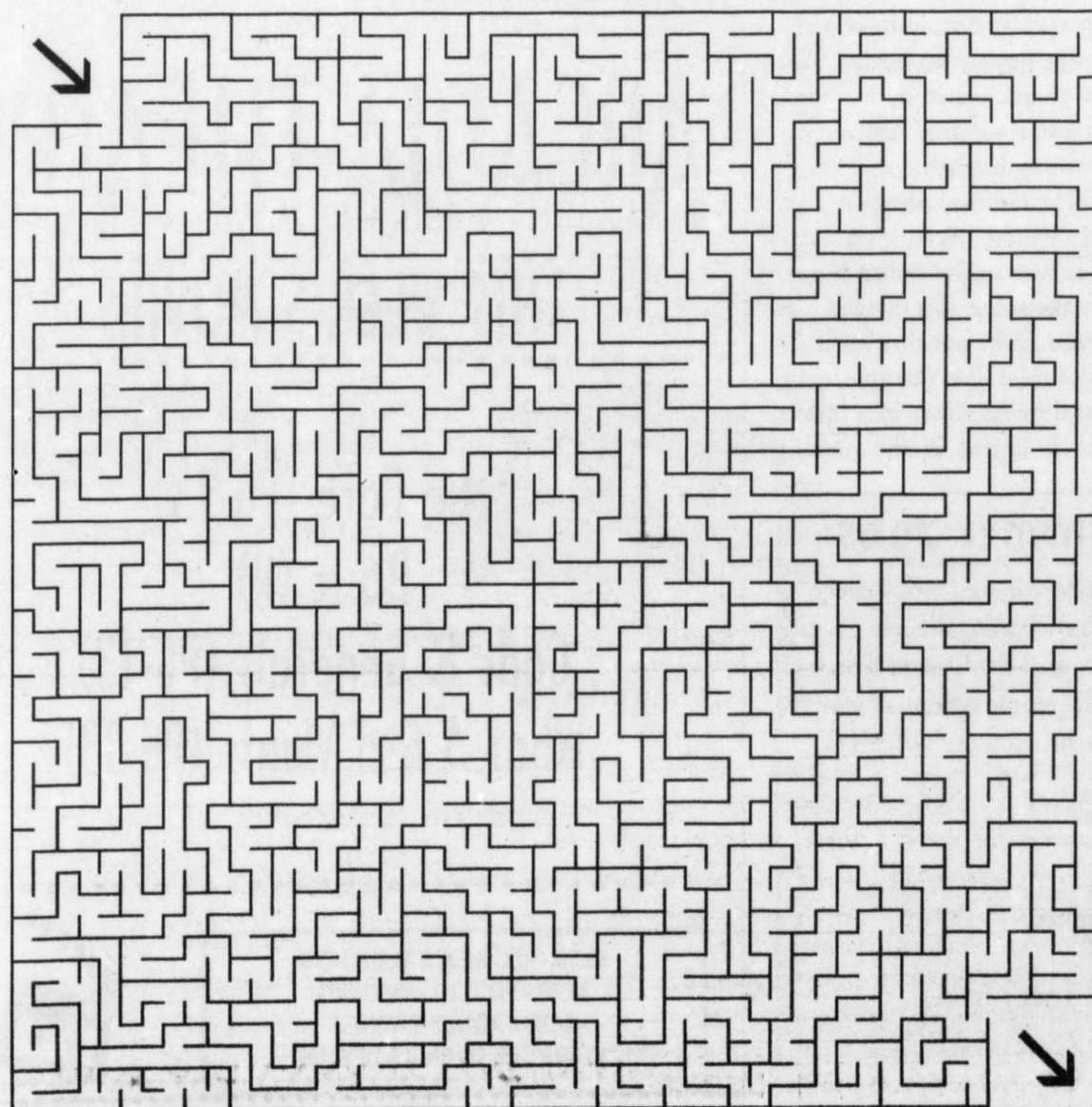
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Maggie Smith

Get Lost!



Residence Life Movies Channel 10

This weeks scheduled movies.

Thursday

- 5 p.m. - Pay it Forward
7:30 p.m. - Riding in Cars with boys
10 p.m. - Jackass the movie
12:30 a.m. - The Ring

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- 5 p.m. - Jasskass the movie
7:30 - The Ring
10 p.m. - Pay it forward
12:30 a.m. - Riding in Cars with Boys

Friday

- 5 p.m. - Riding in Cars with Boys
7:30 p.m. - Jackass
10 p.m. - The Ring
12:30 a.m. - Pay it forward

Sunday

- 5 p.m. - The Ring
7:30 p.m. - Pay it Forward
10 p.m. - Riding in Cars with Boys
12:30 a.m. - Jackass the movie

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Movie Review: Adaptation

By ANDRE BENNETT

Flashlight Writer

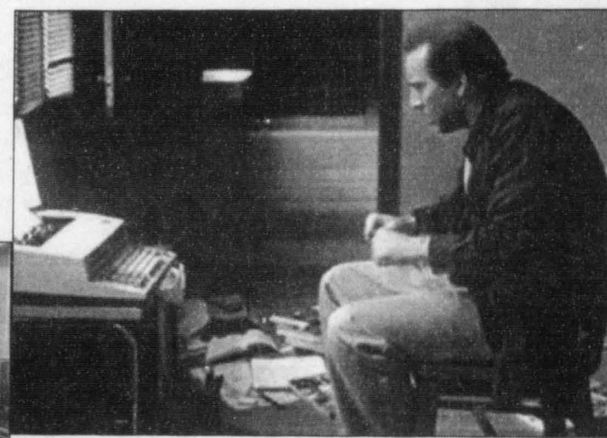
Adaptation is a strange movie, and for me, it is a depressing movie, though not in a way you'd think it depressing. I find it depressing because the main character, a pathetic, balding, overweight schlub, reminds me of myself. The film opens with his inner thoughts, a rambling monologue laced with fear and self-loathing. And when he speaks, he sounds awkward and talks a little too much at times when he shouldn't.

Adaptation is strange because it loops in and out of the real world, if you can understand my meaning. I'll try to explain. Screenwriter Charlie Kaufman (*Being John Malkovich*, *Confessions of a Dangerous Mind*) was hired to adapt a nonfiction novel, "The Orchid Thief," by Susan Orlean. The book was a true story about orchid enthusiast John Laroche, who, along with three Seminole Indians, attempted the theft of the rare ghost orchid, *Polyprrhiza lindenii*, so that he could clone it and sell it to other orchid collectors. Laroche was caught and convicted, and Orlean took an interest in his story, covering it for the New Yorker before adapting her reports into a book.

Kaufman could not, for the life of him, figure out how to adapt a book about orchids into an engaging movie while staying true to the source material. In a moment of inspiration, he decided to write himself into the movie, centering it not only on Orlean's adventures with Laroche, but also his own attempts to adapt the book. For

some unknown reason, he also wrote a fictitious twin brother, Donald, into the screenplay for himself.

Nicolas Cage plays the Kaufman twins, and he does a magnificent job, perhaps a little too magnificent. As Charlie, he really knows how to bring across the character's desperation, loneliness, and alarming lack of self-esteem. Donald, however, is extremely confident



Nicholas Cage stars as twin brothers in *Adaptation*. www.imdb.com

and happy with himself. He flirts with a makeup artist on the *Malkovich* set and the two begin to date. He decides he wants to be a screenwriter, and his

ideas, though formulaic and absurd, begin to flow forth freely. He attends a seminar on screenwriting taught by Robert McKee (another real person, though played by Brian Cox here), and later sells his screenplay. Charlie, on the other hand, keeps plugging away at a mostly blank page.

And then there's Susan Orlean (Meryl Streep), who is interested in John Laroche's story and travels to Florida to profile him for the New Yorker. Laroche (Chris Cooper) is a smooth-talking schemer missing his front teeth. He actually calls himself the smartest person he knows. Truth be told, he is quite intelligent, and it is this intelligence and his passion for what he does that fascinates Orlean.

Still, the story is about flowers, and the studio thinks that Kaufman should write a romance between

Orlean and Laroche. He dislikes the idea, although he and Donald begin to wonder if there was something between the two. The question grows into an obsession that leads into the film's last

twenty minutes, in which everything goes crazy and the conventions of a Hollywood end-

ing are wholeheartedly embraced.

It's a magnificently loopy film, and alongside Cage, the supporting cast shines. Streep is wonderful, though she is rarely anything less in her career. She portrays Orlean with a growing curiosity and a passion for the passion in others. Chris Cooper, as John Laroche, is magnificent and deserving of his Best Supporting Actor Oscar. His Laroche is so totally aware of himself, his appearance to others, and his own abilities, and in his eyes, one can see a passion and intelligence burning brightly.

Under another director, this material would overpower any audience, but under Spike Jonze, things make some sort of sense, as long as you figure out that it has its own set of rules. For example, time does not flow normally in a movie like this. It begins in the present

day, and when Charlie Kaufman wonders why he is here, the movie answers that question by venturing back to the beginnings of the planet and the birth of life, then cycling

forward at top speed through the age of dinosaurs and the early forms of man, giving way to every age of human civilization, before returning to the present day. Of course, there is also the end of the movie, which illustrates the number one rule: that anything can happen.

Of course, everything begins with a writer, and Charlie Kaufman's screenplay was spot on, with some

great bits about the film industry and a writer's place within said industry. The *Malkovich* scenes illustrate this best, as Charlie desperately tries to feel like a big wheel on the set, despite being ignored by stars John Cusack and Catherine Keener (in walk-on roles as themselves, along with John Malkovich). Scenes between Charlie and his producer (Tilda Swinton) are also insightful, as the studio decides it wants a dramatic arc and a relationship between the protagonists of the book, despite Kaufman's desire to stay true to the novel and keep the script as free of cliché as possible.

I did enjoy this movie, and as much as I enjoyed Susan Orlean's quest, I found Charlie's battle with writer's block and his interaction with Donald more engaging. It has been said before that in the movies, we see reflections of ourselves. After seeing Charlie Kaufman's hilarious and exhausting journey, I decided that despite the similarities between myself and the Charlie character, I couldn't be that miserable. I just hope that the real Charlie Kaufman isn't as miserable as his cinematic adaptation either.

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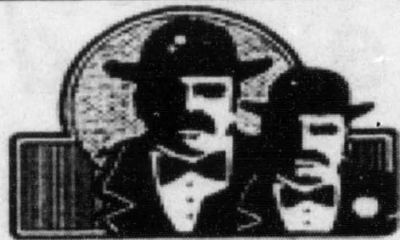
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Profile: Dave Chappelle

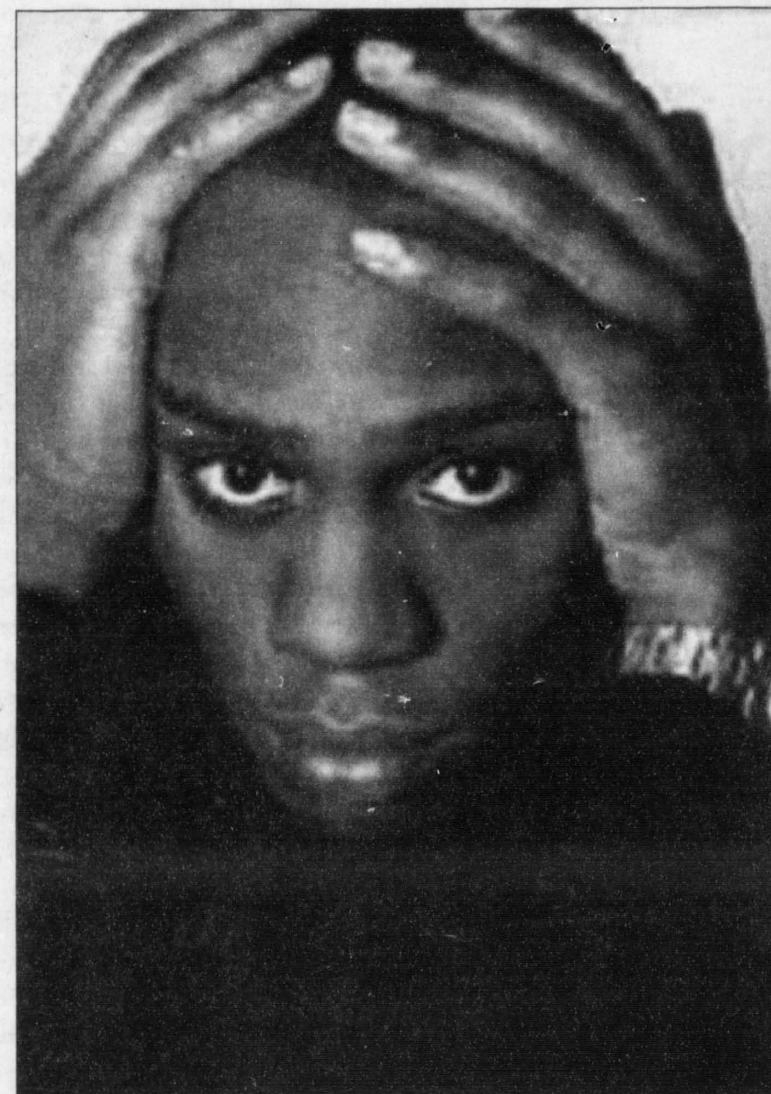
By ANDRE BENNETT

Flashlight Writer

Dave Chappelle may have become a household name with his new Comedy Central series, "Chappelle's Show," but it doesn't mean the comic appeared overnight. Born in 1973, the Washington, D.C. native actually began performing at age fourteen, and studied acting at the Duke Ellington School of the Arts. Within a year of his debut, he landed a spot on stage at the Apollo Theatre in Harlem...and was met with boos.

Undeterred, Chappelle continued performing on the East Coast. He made appearances on "Russell Simmons' Def Comedy Jam," and even became the youngest comic to appear on "Comic Relief VI" in 1994 at age 20. In an interview with the Southern Digest, Chappelle said of the HBO program, "Def Jam didn't give me my start like it did Chris Tucker and Bernie Mac. If you did Def Jam on Friday, people will notice you at the mall or buy tickets for your show in that area, but that's it."

In 1993, Hollywood came calling, and Chappelle made his feature film debut in Mel Brooks' *Robin Hood: Men in Tights*. However, his big break in features came in 1996, with a supporting role as an obnoxious comic in Eddie Murphy's remake of *The Nutty Professor*. Sitcom appearances followed, namely a 1995 guest appearance on "Home Improvement," which served as a back-door pilot for his 1996 ABC sitcom "Buddies." The show, about two best friends, one black, one white, was met with swift cancellation. Chappelle has since proven his willingness to talk about the show, as evidenced on a recent episode of



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Comedian Dave Chappelle will perform on campus April 22.

"Chappelle's Show."

More film roles followed, in a diverse array of features including *You've Got Mail*, *Con Air*, and *200 Cigarettes*. In 1998, Chappelle co-wrote (with his friend Neal Brennan) and starred in the stoner comedy *Half-Baked*, alongside Jim Breuer, Guillermo Diaz, Harlan Williams, and a multitude of other stars in cameo roles. While the film performed modestly in theaters, it has become something of a cult classic on video.

Chappelle returned to HBO in 2000 with his hour-long comedy special, "Killing Them Softly." That same year, he co-starred in *Screwed*, with Norm McDonald and Danny DeVito. The film wasn't a success, but his follow-up, as Conspiracy Brother in 2002's *Undercover Brother* (starring

Eddie Griffin), met with a better reception. Currently, Chappelle has returned to series television. In addition to appearances on Comedy Central's "Crank Yankers," he is collaborating with Neal Brennan again, on "Chappelle's Show," his sketch comedy series, also on Comedy Central. Having premiered earlier this year, the show gives Chappelle the chance to sound off on a variety of issues. In an interview at Howard University, Chappelle said of his show, "I'm just trying to re-invent the wheel, push the envelope and be funny."

Chappelle has also embarked upon the "Dave Chappelle is Blackzilla" comedy tour, which includes an appearance in Mansfield on Tuesday, April 22.

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OPINION & EDITORIAL

From the Editor's Desk:

This needs to stop now

By DYLAN BRUCIE
Flashlight Editor-in-Chief

Anger; aggression; resentment; hostility; hatred; bitterness. All of these emotions felt, just because someone looks different, is part of a certain group, or heaven forbid, has a different point of view on something than someone else. I'd like to think that our society is progressing past such ridiculous thinking, but from what I've witnessed in the past few weeks alone, it's clear that these foolish notions still exist and are nowhere near being abolished.

From the country as a whole to our very own campus community, I'm witnessing one form of discrimination or another. On a national level, people who are against the war call the war supporters savage while war supporters call people against the war unpatriotic. Can't we realize that it's okay to have differences in opinion? Shouldn't we have learned as children that we must respect the beliefs of other people?

Oh, and let's not forget about the French. They don't agree with a war and ruined our party in the United Nations, so now it's obligatory to despise them (more than before). Give me a break. People (including our own government) are even going so far as to denounce products with the word "French" in it and replace it with the word "freedom"? Are we a country of 5 year olds? I honestly have trouble thinking of an instance where our country has acted more childish. Next time France does something we don't like, why don't we go tell the teacher on it, or maybe we'd just rather throw another tantrum.

Coming back to discrimination on our own soil, I received a letter a couple weeks ago voicing concerns about racial prejudice on campus and in the community. I just don't get it. Did I grow up in a predominantly white area? Yes. Was I taught to shun people who weren't white? No. Is one of my best friends on campus black? Yes. Does the color of his skin in any way affect our friendship? No. Do I think peo-

ple who discriminate need to wake up? Yes. Do I think these people represent the entire campus and Mansfield community? No. Just like any group, there are the good and the bad. If you don't like someone because of their personality, fine, but if you don't like someone else because they hang out with that person, that's wrong.

This brings me to the latest case of wrongful discrimination on this campus. Ever since the very unfortunate incident, which occurred recently with certain members of the Mansfield University football team, I've heard almost nothing but bad things about the team. In no way whatsoever am I justifying what happened there that night, but take careful notice of a specific phrase in my last sentence- "certain members." The actions of these members should not reflect on the entire team. Saying that one football player is the same as another is the equivalent to saying one American is the same as another American. I think we all know that obviously isn't true, so why should it be for football players?

It's the same for Greek life. I know most of you probably think I'm terribly prejudiced against Greeks, but that isn't the case. Sure, I may think it's an obsolete system, but that has nothing to do with my opinion of the people in it. I know for a fact there are a lot of great people involved in Greek organizations. The point is, there are too many stereotypes on this campus, as well as the country, and it needs to come to an end.

Through work and progress, we can turn what seems more like a big high school into a real institute of intelligent thought and understanding. And if enough places around the country do the same thing, maybe the whole country would benefit from growing up a little.

Letter to the editor:

Can we agree to disagree?

Dear Editor:

I am deeply troubled by the way I see people in our community (and in our country) beginning to become divided and hateful towards one another over our differing opinions about the war in Iraq. It is not hard to understand why this is happening. There are many good reasons for the strong feelings we all have about this war. There is much at stake in this situation, on many different levels, no matter what your position may be.

But I hope we learned during the war in Vietnam how hurtful and destructive this kind of split can be for our country. I believe we need to remember that we are all good human beings, we are all Americans and we are all in this together. All of us are doing our best to make sense of a frightening and overwhelming situation. We need to learn to listen really well, with respect and caring, to one another's differing viewpoints. Even if someone is speaking in anger, we need to have the

compassion to hear the pain, fear, or passionate belief behind their words.

America has always had room in her heart for all kinds of opinions- for Archie Bunker and for Mr. Rogers (who taught peace all his life on his T. V. show), for Charlton Heston and for Susan Sarandon, for Billy Graham and for Martin Luther King, Jr. At a time like this, we all need to work on making our hearts bigger and more inclusive, not smaller and more polarized. We need to be free to stand firm for what we individually believe and to stand firm for the right of our neighbor to disagree with us.

It always takes great courage and integrity to stand up for your convictions. This is so clearly true of the brave, good and trustworthy men and woman who are risking their lives in Iraq for what they see as their duty to their country. They are taking the ultimate risk for what they believe, and we owe them the utmost respect and admiration.

See "SPLIT," p. 9

SPLIT (cont.)

It also takes courage and integrity to take a public stand for peace, especially at a time when that feels like such an unpopular position. Many good folks are brave enough to face possible arrest, attack (verbal or physical) or accusations of being un-American to stand up for what they believe in their hearts to be right. Some of them are the mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers or friends of the soldiers who are in Iraq, and are working for peace because they believe this war is immoral, and that the world will not be safe for their young people (or for any child or family) until we begin to take seriously the challenge of finding better solutions to conflict than killing one another.

There is even an organization of family members of people who died on September 11th who are working for peace. Their own losses have made them unwilling to be part of inflicting that kind of suffering on others. (See www.peace-fultomorrow.org)

I'm sure you can tell from this letter that I personally am opposed to this war. I am proud of my position, and in no way mean to hide it. But I also want to stand up just as strongly and proudly for the right of every American to be heard. In a democracy it is vital that we be able to express our heartfelt opinions- it is a huge part of what America has always been about. I do not mean to suggest that we should be quiet about our

beliefs, or that we need to moderate our passion. I just hope that this time- unlike during the war in Vietnam - we will be able to listen to one another and to remember that it is not acceptable to hate one another or hurt one another over our disagreements. We can like, respecting, and enjoying one another as we learn to listen and try to understand.

Any time we close our heart to another person, we make the world a little darker. It's going to take a lot of wide open hearts for all of us to make it through these difficult times together as Americans and as citizens of the world. With a prayer for peace, in the world and within our nation.

-Brynn Schmitt

Letter to the Editor: Violence in many forms

To the Editor:

While attending the "Poets Against The War" reading at Park Avenview on Monday, March 24, I witnessed an act inconsistent with the event's theme. The organizers cut off a student during his reading because of the pro-war content of his remarks. Granted, the event was advertised as a reading of poetry with an anti-war sentiment, but the organizers' intolerant actions constituted an act of violence.

Violence is not limited to physical aggression. It includes

any unjust or unwarranted exertion of force or power. In the incident at hand, a person's voice was silenced by the unwarranted use of power. The hearts of most attendees were already silencing the student's voice, and he would likely have stopped of his own volition. An alternative would have been to let the student speak, thank him for having the courage of his convictions, and tell him we love him regardless of his views. Wouldn't that have demonstrated a peaceful spirit better than forcing him from the podium?

After the incident, one of the organizers justified silencing the young man by saying that he would be invited to speak at the White House, but "we wouldn't." Does that mean the end justifies the means? How can one defend using violence to foster peace? That kind of reasoning is why we are at war in Iraq in the first place. Haven't we figured out that every action ripples through the universe and attracts like energy? To achieve peace, each of us must strive to act peacefully every second, no matter the circumstance.

It doesn't matter whether I support our nation's war efforts. What matters is that I speak out when I see injustice. I believe the organizers of the event had good intentions, and I also recognize that, in the heat of an intense moment, it is difficult to stay centered. Nevertheless, the academic freedom of the college community - and the spirit of peace - suffered a small setback on Monday.

-Dr. Richard E. Dale
Department of Education and
Special Education

Politics and Opinion: The music of peace

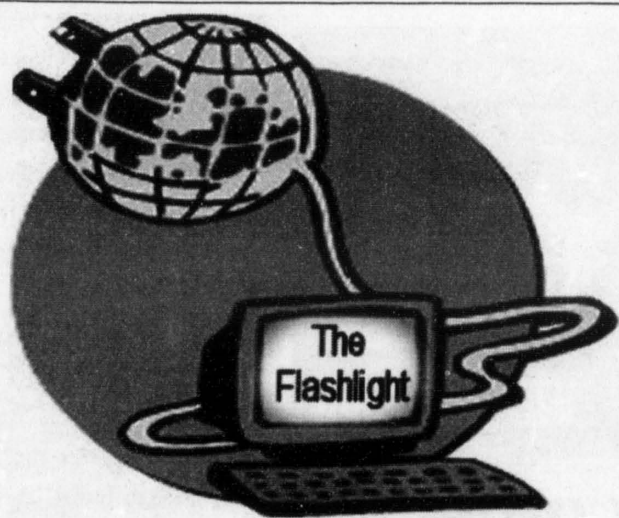
By CHRISTOPHER SHADLE

Flashlight Writer

I decided to venture outside the realm of my usual discussion and instead write about a somewhat different topic for this week's issue. Last weekend, I had the pleasure of performing in Mansfield University's Festival Chorus performance of *Dona Nobis Pacem*. Along with the Mansfield Concert Choir and Women's Choir, the evening's performance was entitled "Of War, Peace and the Power of Music." Led by Dr. Peggy Dettwiler, the works performed by all three groups were composed by Ralph Vaughn Williams and Gustav Holst, two of England's greatest 20th century choral composers. *Dona Nobis Pacem* (*Grant Us Peace*) was written by Vaughn Williams in 1936 on the eve of World War II in Europe.

Williams used many sources for the text of his work, including words from Walt Whitman's *Leaves of Grass*. Whitman and Williams both knew the horrors of war and their writings reflect this horror. Whitman worked in a military hospital in Washington, D.C. during the Civil War, and Vaughn Williams enlisted in the British Army in World War I where he (like Whitman before him) also treated prisoners for their wounds. The Concert Choir performed "Serenade to Music" from William Shakespeare's "The Merchant of Venice," while the Women's Choir performed Gustav Holst's "Choral Hymns from the Rig Veda," while accompanied by harpist Barbara Dechario. With soloists Carol Ann Allred and Dr. Douglas Crowder, the *Dona Nobis Pacem* performance was strikingly relevant with the present world situation, and the ongoing war with Iraq. In the piece, we hear the sadness and the horrors of war; we see the event of death, the search for peace, with a conclusion of a utopian ideal for peace.

To the students and faculty of Mansfield University, I would like to impress upon you how much opportunity you have to enjoy culture and the arts here at Mansfield. I encourage you to attend one of the many performances offered throughout the semester. Whether it be recitals by music professors or students, or concerts by groups such as Mansfieldians (Jazz), Concert Choir, and Men's and Women's Choirs, there is always wonderful music being made by dedicated professors, students, and community members who are very passionate about what they do. Thank you, Dr. Dettwiler, for all your hard work and dedication, and to all those who performed and helped out with the performances this past weekend...keep up the good work!



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On the sidelines: Brian Taylor

By **MIKE PETERS**
Flashlight Sports Writer

Track and field season is just around the corner, and Mansfield University has high hopes this year.

This year's team is on the youthful side. The sophomores and freshmen will try to carry this team. The pressure will be on the upperclassmen to teach these youngsters the lessons necessary to succeed.

With only six juniors and seniors on the team, it will be tough. With the leadership of junior Bryan Taylor, this team should be a constant threat to the PSAC for years to come.

Michael Peters: What is your year and major?

Bryan Taylor: I am a junior elementary education major.

MP: What made you choose elementary education?

BT: I like kids; I knew I wanted to teach, but I wasn't sure which ages I wanted to work with. I got the chance to work with an elementary class as an aide. I don't care for the attitude of older kids, so I'm going to try and stay away from their class.

MP: Where are you from?

BT: I'm from Hanover, Pa.

MP: How old are you?

BT: I am 22 years-old.

MP: Why did you decide to come here to Mansfield University?

BT: I originally went to Shippensburg, but I felt that I was too close to home and it was not quite right for me. I had friends that went here; my old baseball coach went here. I came up here to visit, and I liked the area and the atmosphere.

MP: When did you start to run for competition?

BT: Last year was my first year on a track and field team.

MP: Not basketball, not baseball, but track...why track?

BT: I played football, baseball, and I wrestled in high school. I started to play football in college, but I got hurt and had to quit. I decided to try something new, so I joined the track team.

MP: What events do you play in?

BT: This year, I am participating in the decathlon, which is 10 different events.

MP: What is your strongest event?

BT: My strongest event in the decathlon is probably the javelin.

MP: Did you win any awards?

BT: I was voted the most

improved over the last season, and I finished 13th in conference in the pentathlon.

MP: What was your favorite moment on the field?

BT: I'll always remember running the pentathlon at Cornell, and Chad Woodruff dislocated his knee and was in a lot of pain. He wasn't sure if he could run the 1000 meters. We ended up running it together. I pushed him a lot, and he gave it everything he had and ended up finishing the event. I will never forget that.

MP: What is your favorite part of being on the track team?

BT: I love how everyone gets along. We have an exciting, developing program. Our program hasn't been real great, but Coach Rohl has really turned things around. Everything is real positive. Everybody works hard and improves every week. It is hard work, but when you see them succeed, it makes everything worth while.

MP: Do you see track and field as a team sport or more of an individual sport?

BT: I think it's really the best of both worlds. I love it. I used to wrestle in high school and even though you had a team score, if you win, you win. There is a sense of individuality. There are a lot of individual efforts, but everyone is supporting the team.

MP: How often do you train for track?

BT: I train everyday. We have a NCAA day where there isn't a mandatory workout, but if you want to continuously improve, you've got to practice everyday. I have to practice 10 different events, so I have to practice everyday. If you want to be an improving athlete, you've got to be dedicated.

MP: Do you ever feel like giving up?

BT: No, I don't ever feel like giving up. I played football and had to quit because of an injury. It was hard because I liked football so much. I'm just happy that I can compete again. I didn't know if I could. Now that I have the opportunity, I will never quit.

MP: What keeps you going strong?

BT: I was given a second chance. I am very fortunate to compete again. My whole life, my family has supported me. They have pushed me to be the best. Coach Rohl motivates and pushes us. We all push each other. Everyone gets after each other. When you have people that believe in you, it makes everything easier.

MP: I'd imagine its every young track stars dream to go to the Olympics. Have you ever thought of the Olympics?

BT: Yes, I have. I think it would be the most amazing thing to do. These guys do it for their countries, and their pride. They aren't being paid millions of dollars like the pro-

fessionals. I don't think you could duplicate that feeling.

MP: Is there anything you do before a competition like a routine or superstition?

BT: A bunch of my teammates and I usually have breakfast together before every event. I usually say the Lord's prayer to myself before every competition.

MP: Does saying the Lord's prayer help you before your events?

BT: I think it does, it gives me a chance to remember that I have an opportunity that not everyone gets- a second chance in college athletics.

MP: What one thing have you learned in track and field that you will carry on with you in your future?

BT: I have learned that I am able to take on something new and continuously improve if I was willing to work on it. I didn't know if I had the ability to do the decathlon, but Coach Rohl kept encouraging it. If you believe that you can do something, it is possible.

MP: Where do you see yourself in ten years?

BT: I hope to be teaching and coaching.

MP: Which sport would you coach?

BT: I could coach just about anything. I love football and track, so it's a tough decision. I would help out wherever the school needed it.

MP: Is there a motto or saying that you live by?

BT: "If you give the world your best, the best will come back to you." This means that if you try your hardest, you'll be rewarded. I think this is true most of the time.

MP: How is the team going to do this season?

BT: We're going to do well. We have a great capability in improving. We've had a couple injuries to key individuals, but overall, this team is a building process. We aren't going to turn around over night, but we will continue to build. I don't think we will blow anyone out, but I'll guarantee that we'll surprise a few teams this year.

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Football prepares for 2003 season as spring practice begins

By MIKE PETERS

Flashlight Sports Writer

The Mansfield University football team had a disappointing season last year, ending with three wins and seven losses.

Although their record didn't show it, the Mounties were a very competitive team. They were outscored 204 points to 190 points over last season. It isn't very often that a losing team's spread will be that close.

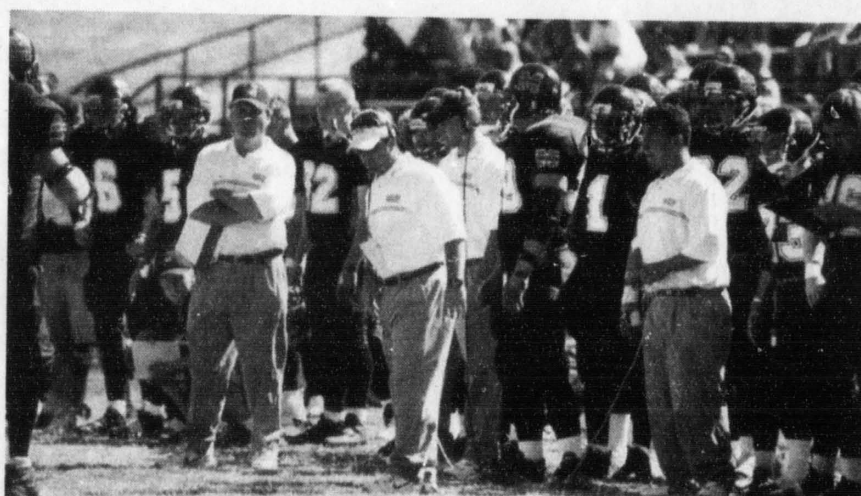
Spring practice is coming upon the football team. This is a time of hard work, determination and competition. Many people will be fighting for a starting role. The new players will be fighting for recognition and acceptance on the field.

Returning starters are going to be defending what they've worked hard to obtain - a starting role. These early practices are going to be filled with work. The team will work heavily on the fundamentals of the game.

Coach Chris Woods is excited about his team's future success. The team has been working out all winter, preparing for next season.

"Workouts look great," Woods said. "They have been going very well."

This past weekend was the start



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The Mounties look to build on last season's success as they prepare for the 2003 season as spring practice begins.

of the spring practices. There are many things that Coach Woods and the rest of the team will work on during spring practice in hopes to become a source of power in the PSAC.

"We need to work on finding more balance between our offense and defense," Woods said.

In order to be successful, their offense will need to improve.

"We've got to show more consistency on the offensive side of the football," Woods said. "We need to run better and be more dependable. We have to do everything in our power to generate more points and give us a chance to win."

The new players coming into

the Mansfield football family will be tested early.

"We are going to see exactly how they react to collegiate athletics," Woods said. "I hope that they are in shape because the best guy for the position will play. Everyone has to live up and play to their potential."

Practice has begun. This is where the men will be separated from the boys. The Mounties will strive to be even more competitive than they were last season. The 3-7 record was deceiving. They will try to put all the deception away and bring a PSAC championship back home to Mansfield University.

....And then there were four....

By CHAD LANDERS

Flashlight Sports Writer

April is upon us, but March Madness is in full swing.

This past weekend's games brought lots of surprises to the NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament. The tournament fanatics saw three number one seeds fall over the weekend, leaving only a single top ranked team, Texas. Joining Texas in the Final Four at New Orleans will be Marquette, Kansas and Syracuse.

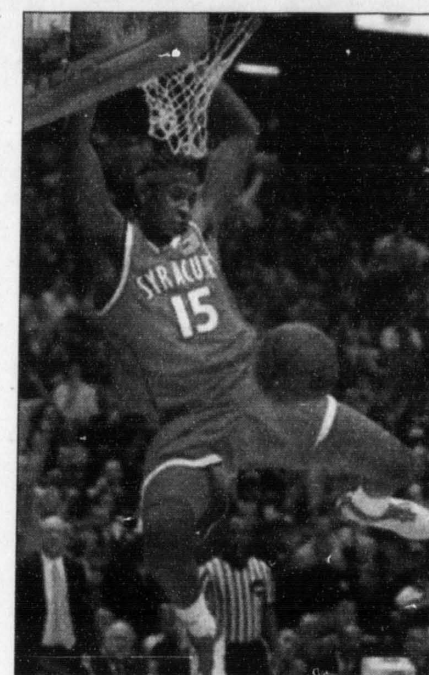
While there are no major underdogs advancing to the final four, there are some surprising stories.

Kansas will represent a West bracket that some said was the hardest bracket in the tournament this year. After dismissing both Utah State and Arizona State from tournament play, Kansas took on perennial tournament powerhouse Duke. Kansas overcame Duke in a close game behind the remarkable play of Nick Collison. After that, Kansas dismissed the West favorite, Arizona Wildcats, in surprising fashion. They now wait to face Marquette in New Orleans on April 5.

Marquette advanced through some tough competition as well, coming out of the Midwest bracket. Marquette's near escape from Holy Cross in the first round seemed to spark a fire under the team. They dismissed the Big XII's hottest team, Missouri, and then they dismissed the Big East's Champion, Pitt, with great surprise to everyone following the tournament. As if that wasn't enough, Marquette punched their ticket to New Orleans by beating Kentucky, the SEC's Champion and tournament favorite, in convincing fashion.

Over in the East bracket, Syracuse made easy work of their opponents en route to a trip to New Orleans. Syracuse beat an overachieving Manhattan team and then beat Oklahoma State in the second round.

In surprise fashion, Syracuse headed into their Elite Eight game with a considerable advantage, playing in Albany, Ny. There, they beat up on another overachieving team, Auburn. After dispatching



YAHOO SPORTS

Carmelo Anthony of Syracuse University helped lead his team to the Final Four.

of Auburn, Syracuse ousted Oklahoma in a dominating manner from the tournament.

Lastly, the lone top ranked tournament team punched their ticket to New Orleans with a win over surprise opponent Michigan State.

Texas easily dispatched of UNC-Asheville and then eliminated Purdue from the field of 64. Texas then beat Connecticut and Michigan State in San Antonio to move onto New Orleans. Texas will play Syracuse on April 5.

April 7 will spotlight the 2003 NCAA Men's College Basketball Championship game in New Orleans. No matter who plays, there is sure to be tons of intensity and excitement flowing throughout the building. This year's tournament has truly lived up to its March Madness name.

We saw close games and buzzer beaters from every region of the tournament, keeping fans in suspense for the final seconds of most every game. Who could forget Maryland's prayer against UNC-Wilmington? Don't forget close finishes like Butler, Auburn, California, Wisconsin, Gonzaga and of course, Marquette.

April 7 brings to close an exciting season of college basketball, filled with excitement, heartbreak and miracles. So enjoy the last two games of the season, and until next year, never underestimate the underdog!

Mountie Sports Sports.....

Academic Field Hockey (March 20, 2003)

Five members of the Mansfield University field hockey team have been named to the National Field Hockey Coaches Association (NFHCA) 2002 NCAA Division II National Academic Squad.

Junior **Heather Long**, senior **Gretchen Reschke**, freshman **Amy Laubach**, freshman **Holly Frederickson** and freshman **Amanda Bliss** were all honored for their academic achievements.

To earn NFHCA honors, each athlete had to achieve a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.30 through the first semester of the 2002-2003 academic year.

The Mountaineers were also successful on the pitch posting a 10-7 overall record.

Rookie of the year (March 26, 2003)

Freshman **Charity Learn** was named the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (PSAC) Women's Indoor Track Rookie of the Year in voting conducted by the PSAC head indoor track coaches.

Learn set seven school records during the 2002-2003 campaign including the 1,000, 1,500, mile, 3,000 and

5,000 meters. She was also a member of three school record relay teams.

Learn ran the fastest mile (5:12.16) and 3,000 meters (10:20.96) in the PSAC this season and posted the second fastest 5,000 meters (18:09.22) in the conference.

She became the first runner in school history to be selected as the PSAC Women's Indoor Runner of the Week and earned All-PSAC honors in the 3,000 meters.

Pitcher of the Week (March 26, 2003)

Freshman **Dan Yoder** has been named the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (PSAC) Eastern Division Pitcher of the Week for his outstanding performance over the first three weeks of the 2003 baseball season.

Yoder has compiled a 4-1 record with a 3.45 ERA. He has pitched 31.1 innings with one complete game, struck out 24 opponents and allowed 12 earned runs. Opponents are batting only .243 against Yoder.



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MANSFIELD UNIVERSITY ❖ MANSFIELD, PENNSYLVANIA ❖ WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2, 2003

Mounties sink the *Ship*; fall to Marauders

By JENNIFER A. NELSON

Flashlight Sports Co-Editor

Over the years, Mountie pitching has come a long way. These days the Mansfield pitching staff is producing younger performers. This is one of those days.

Last week, true freshman Dan Yoder was named PSAC East Pitcher of the Week. Yoder currently holds these statistics: 4-1 record on the season, pitched 31.1 innings, struck out 24 opponents, allowed 12 earned runs and has a 3.45 ERA.

Mansfield's "tradition of excellence" would not stop there. On March 27, the Raiders of Shippensburg University came to Mansfield for a doubleheader only to find themselves swimming in a pool of Mountaineer defeat.

In game one, Jeff Papi pitched his way to a fourth victory on the year. Papi gave up seven hits to the Raiders while striking out four and walking one batter. Down 3-1 in the bottom of the third, Mansfield

exploded for four runs. They would later score three more in the fourth inning. Travis Wurster led the way for the Mounties going 2-3. Compared to last season, Wurster's numbers have not been the same.

"It is a pretty big break-through for me," Wurster said. "It gave me back the confidence that I need."

Brett Brown also held his own batting 2-4 with an RBI on the day. Mansfield went on to win 8-3.

Dan Yoder started game two for Mansfield. He was replaced by Marty Rakaczewski in the third inning. Rakaczewski allowed six hits. In the seventh, John Cronin picked up another save to secure the 6-3 victory over Shippensburg.

Brandon Brokaw aided in the Mounties' efforts as he went 3-3. Travis Wurster, Craig Barkey and Jason Manwaring each smacked two hits in the game for the Mounties.

On March 29, Mansfield fell short in their doubleheader at Millersville University. Brett Brown

pounded a home run in the third inning, and Doug Evans added a two-run double for Mansfield's 3-1 lead over the Marauders.

Brandon Brokaw cracked an RBI double in the fourth for a 4-1 lead. However, the Marauders managed to take a 6-4 lead in the fifth inning. Mansfield tied the game in the seventh inning. To lead off, Jason Fischer slammed a double. D.J. Hoshauer then hit a one-run single, and the tying run was scored on a wild pitch. Josh' Rearick later hit the go ahead run in.

John Cronin started the game for Mansfield but was later relieved by Marty Rakaczewski in the fifth inning. Despite the Mounties' efforts, Millersville's Mitch Schueck managed a home run to end the game. Millersville took game one by a score of 8-7.

In game two, Matt Allegretto recorded his second loss of the season as the Marauders slipped by Mansfield, 3-2. Allegretto struck out four and gave up six hits to



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Sophomore Travis Wurster helped in the Mounties' sweep against Shippensburg University on March 27.

Millersville. Mansfield's only runs were scored in the third inning on Brett Brown's two-run single.

Millersville's Brandon Klinger picked up his first win on the season while Chad Gunzenhauser and Derek Hartland led the way to the Millersville sweep over

Mansfield.

Overall, the Mounties are 15-10 as they hold a 2-2 record in the PSAC East conference. The Mounties will travel to West Chester University to face the Golden Rams in a doubleheader on Saturday, April 5.

Softball falls to PSAC rival Raiders

The rains finally stopped, and then the sun came out just enough to allow the Mountie softball team to travel to Shippensburg to face the Raiders.

In game one of a PSAC East matchup, the Mounties sent junior Liz Lyon to the mound for her third start of the year. Her third start would also be her shortest appearance this season lasting just 1/3 of an inning as the Raiders went on an offensive assault in the first inning against Mountie pitching.

Lyon gave up 11 runs along with surrendering eight hits in the first inning, as the Raiders

went up on the Mounties 11-0.

Mansfield brought in sophomore Alison Tagliaferri in relief as she went 3.2 innings surrendering just three hits. The Mounties did manage one run off a double by Tagliaferri in the fifth inning scoring senior Heather Bensinger.

In game two, the Raiders bats were alive and ready for the Mounties as they scored six runs in the first inning of play off starting pitcher, freshman Kristen Dean.

The Mounties would manage just one run off the Raiders in game two as well.

The Raiders would tack on another three runs to complete the sweep of the Mounties in Mansfield's first PSAC matchup of the year.

With the loss, the Mounties drop to 7-5 overall and to 0-2 in the PSAC East standings.

Mansfield's game at Lutes Field tomorrow against the Huskies of Bloomsburg has been postponed. No make-up date has been determined as of yet.

The Mounties next game will be 1 p.m. Saturday against the Golden Rams of West Chester at West Chester University.



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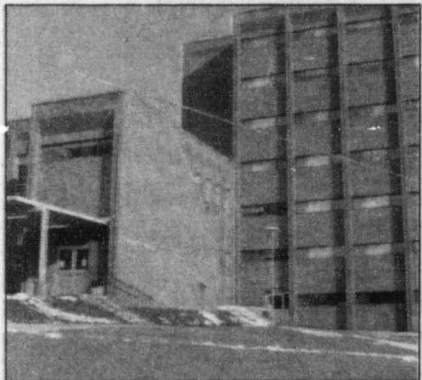
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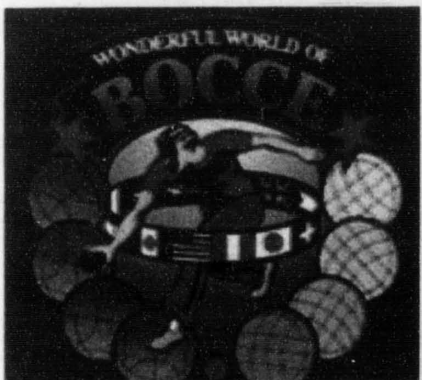
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Trashlight staff SHOCKED!

By CHIEF BROOCHIE

Trashlight Editor and Chef

The *Trashlight* staff was shocked this week as something completely unexpected and astonishing happened- no one had anything to complain about concerning *The Flashlight*!

Entering the office last week after the issue had hit campus, editors waited to see who would complain this week about how greatly offended they were. It was no great surprise when

thought it had to be a mistake.

Much to their continued surprise, President Stallhead stopped by the office to present the staff with a trophy of excellence and then the Greek council presented us with an award of excellence in the reporting field. This caused *Trashlight* Editor and Chef Chief Broochie to have a heart attack (I got better) and The Resa to faint (she got hurt).

"I just can't believe it!"

yelled *Trashlight* Overlord Big Steve Da Viking. "I haven't been this happy since the days of pillaging villages in my youth." Daniel Mason, who seemed pleased to not be yelled at about yet another issue, said, "I'm

"We start with a small campus newspaper and soon take over all media. It's perfect!"

-Dan Mason's beard

many emails were received from students and faculty, but when it was actually praise and admiration, the staff automatically

just thrilled that Dr. Write didn't beat me up again." His beard added, "The plan is working! We start with a small campus news-



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Panic befalls the *Trashlight* staff: (clockwise, starting upper right) Giggity P., Capt. Alexis Morgan, Big Steve Da Viking, Buffy Spreadwell, The Resa, Chief Broochie and Jan Zedoy.

paper and soon take over all media. It's perfect!"

The beard then began to cackle loudly and then realized it had perhaps said too

much when Mason pulled out the razor.

The *Trashlight* staff doubts that anything like this will ever happen again.

Mansfield to level out campus

By THE RESA

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At a press conference held yesterday, officials at Mansfield University announced their final university renovation project would be to level the campus.

"The biggest complaint we get is about all the hills around here. Sure we built the campus on the side of a mountain, but it seemed like a good idea the time," said university founder M. Field.

Starting with Cardiac Hill, the ultimate goal of the project will be to have Decker at the

same elevation as recently seceded Cedarcrest.

"It will involve a few more holes being dug around campus, but that's nothing unusual. The benefits of a flat university will be huge, not to mention an increase in enrollment," said Field. "The only problem would be students could no longer honestly tell their children that they had to walk up hill both ways when going to class." The final cost of the projects is estimated at 375,330,000,000.00 Yen.

Such renovations have already



been tested at Kansas University and many other midwestern universities; student feedback has

been exceedingly positive.

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"After traversing significant inclines, I'd often times be too fatigued to learn, but with a flat campus I feel refreshed by the enjoyable trek to class," said one particularly lazy student.

It was also announced that Retan and Belknap would go through a name change as part of their recent renovations. "Since they are now one building it seems odd to have two names. We decided 'Belktran, castle of learning' would be more fitting," said MU president Don Stallhead. The final stage of construction Belktran will go through is the addition of a moat to complete the exterior facade. Handicapped-friendly drawbridges will be installed. "In wake of current events, it's settling to know that I am protected by a moat and ten hippos during class," said junior Jane Doe.

"Renovations are expected to be completed by fall. We don't believe them either, but that is what the contractors said," proclaimed Ike LeBachelors, director of Residence Life.

Oompa loompa, doopity doo... I've got another puzzle for you

By BUFFY SPREADWELL

Flashlight Bitch 'n' Ho

In a shocking turn of events, it was discovered earlier this week that Dr. Moe Jurphy, saxamaphone professor at Mansfield University, is really an Oompa-Loompa.

The whole fiasco began when the secretary of the music department found some airline ticket stubs to "Loompa-Land" on Jurphy's desk.

"I was just looking for some documents I needed, when I picked up his day planner and some tickets fell out," Bellamy Moresee said.

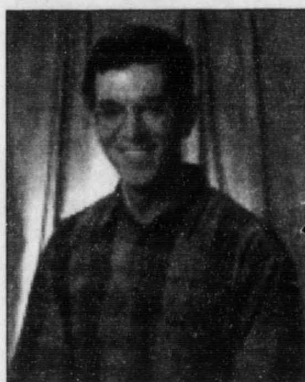
Later, when the janitor of the building was fixing a broken desk drawer, he discovered some Cover Girl makeup and Revlon hair dye inside.

"I wasn't quite sure what was going on," Joe Blow, janitor, said.

When attempts were made to contact Jurphy at his Mansfield home, a reporter from *The Trashlight* talked to a house-sitting neighbor who gave a 22-digit phone number that Jurphy had left in case of emergency.

Jurphy, who was eventually reached, admitted to being an Oompa-Loompa.

"I thought I was doing a good job



WE STOLE THESE OFF THE INTERNET
Crappy Cartwheel Oompa Loompa, right, and his alter-ego, Moe Jurphy of the MU Music Department.

of hiding it, oompa loompa doopity-doo," he said.

You may recognize Jurphy from his role in "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory" as a lovable orange-faced green-haired dwarf. He was the one who did the crappy cartwheel during the song-and-dance in the WonkaVision studio after Mike Teevee was shrunk.

"God help me, I could never do a cartwheel right," Jurphy reminisced. "I do remember, though, that Charlie Bucket kid always smelled real bad, and Augustus Gloop was a total lardbucket. He ate my hat once when I accidentally left it on the dinner table."

Jurphy was called back to Loompa-Land after his great-grandfather was eaten by a Rotten Vermicious Knid.

"My great-grandpa, God rest his soul, always told us, 'Watch out for those mother-[expletive deleted] Vermicious Knids. Who knew he would be the one to get caught?'"

Jurphy had to hurry back to Loompa-Land in order to take over the family's

schnozberry farm, which many consider to be the best in the country.

"Someone has to protect those berries from Wangdoodles and Hornswogglers and Snoozwangers," Jurphy said.

At this juncture it is unclear whether or not Jurphy plans to return to Mansfield University to resume his post.

"I really haven't decided. I really love my job there, but it's such a pain having to constantly dye my hair, wear pancake makeup and teeter around on stilts. Plus, now everyone knows of my true identity. I don't know that my saxamaphone students would take me seriously," he said.

Officials of Mansfield University could not be reached for comment.

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LOST CITY OF ATLANTIS FOUND!

By BUFFY SPREADWELL

Flashlight Bitch 'n' Ho

The Lost City of Atlantis has been found, right here at Mansfield University.

MU President John Stallhead called a press conference yesterday to announce the monumental discovery.

"Apparently, what happened was that a student, Jack Mehoff, was driving down Academy Street by Cedarcrest when his car fell into a pothole. At the bottom of the pothole, the student discovered Atlantis," Stallhead explained.

This mythical city of beauty and light went missing when it apparently sank into the Atlantic Ocean. Now we know this speculation is not true, and that the city really exists underneath the cracked, broken pavement of Academy Street.

Scientists from all over the world have been making regular trips down the pothole, taking care to strap on oxygen tanks and spelunking gear before venturing down.

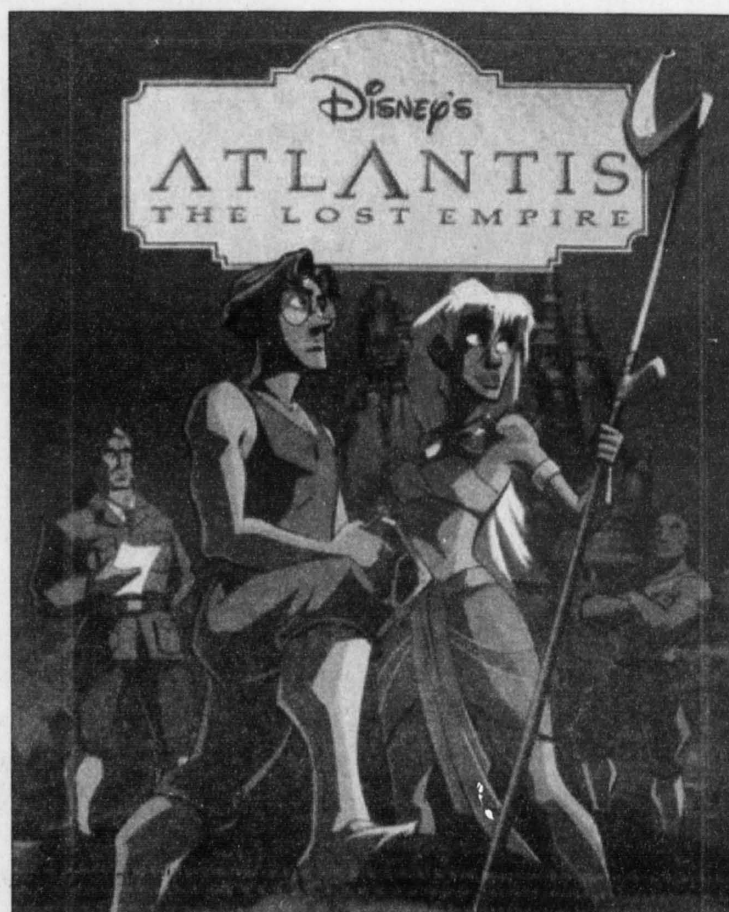
"I've never seen anything like it," Professor John Frink, the scientist guy on *The Simpsons*, said.

Television crews have set up camp on the front lawn of Cedarcrest, training their video-cameras into the pothole, searching for some sign of life. Geraldo Rivera stands ready to take the cameras into the pothole for the first glimpse of Atlantis.

"Hopefully this will help me bounce back from the whole empty-treasure-chest-national-TV thing," Rivera said.

Even with all the hoopla surrounding the discovery, there is one person who steadfastly remains unimpressed.

"I'm just really pissed that they didn't fix these damn potholes," Mehoff said, standing at the edge of the abyss that claimed his 1979 Yugo. "I didn't even finish paying for it yet. This university better be buying me a new car, that's all I gotta say."



Special report: Cedarcrest secedes from "The Union"

By BROCK C. LANDERS JR.

Trashlight Gossip Queen

THE OUTSKIRTS OF MU - It wasn't a matter of "if." It was only a matter of "when." No one expected this however.

In a bold and stunning move at yesterday's All Residence Hall Council meeting, the delegates from Cedarcrest, the furthest building from campus, made a surprise decision to forgo any University funding and support and in essence become fully self-sufficient.

"It's about time we broke away from that Union," said a confused freshman from the first floor A-side. "I don't really know what the Union is or was, but my roommate said we could throw a party to celebrate it so I'm happy. I guess it's sort of like Cinco DeMayo or something."

No definite plans for Cedarcrest have been finalized, however it is speculated that the top brass of the building will hire outside professors to teach core classes in the Rec Room. Classes such as Billiards and Ping Pong have already been in the mix.

Business students will learn first hand the full workings of a small business, as they will now run the Cedarcrest Snack Shack a full 24 hours in order to finance their freedom.

Cedarcrest has cut all ties to the University, including but not limit-

ed to, Manser Dining Hall, North Hall, as well as all University programs such as tutors and academic advisors.

"As long as they keep the soda and snack machines stocked," said Graduate Assistant Sarah Gingrich. "We shouldn't have a problem. Hey we even have a grill out back. We can throw a picnic whenever we want now! Yea!"

When asked about the academic problems that may have been unforeseen, Gingrich sited the buildings large number of occupants.

"If anyone is having trouble in a class I'm sure we can find someone who has the notes in this building somewhere," said Gingrich. "I mean come on we have over 600 beds here. Someone has to know about Biology in here somewhere."

President Stallhead was unavailable for comment but will be quoted anyway as saying, "They'll come crawling back. They've tried to do this before and floor-by-floor they'll defect. They building will be mine. OH, the building will be mine once again, you can bet on that."

Former residents of the building were outraged when they heard of what happened to "The Crest."

"That's some crap right there," said Les Williams, who never technically lived in the building, but

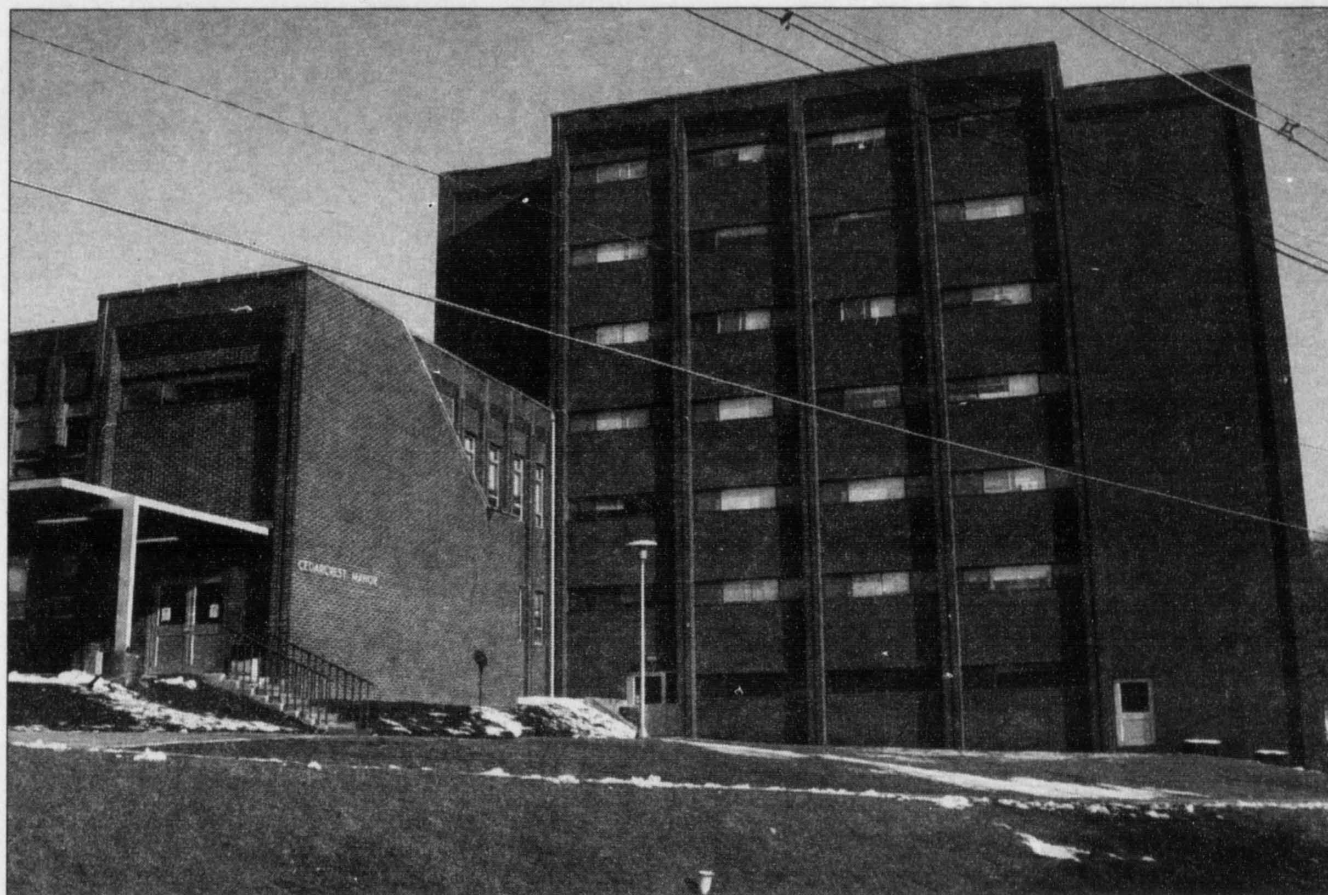


Photo by BUFFY SPREADWELL

The now Independent Cedarcrest has broken all connections with Mansfield University, and will start offering classes in the fall.

was there enough to be a common law resident. "This is what we always used to talk about when we were partying in Kano's suite. All we need to do is throw a little coup and the place would be ours. I knew they would do it. It was only a matter of time."

Cedarcrest has also planted their flag in what is known as "The Baseball Lot" and the tennis court

parking lot in a move to control all desirable parking on campus. Members of the Cedarcrest Hall Council plan on running the lots much like the mafia ran waste collection in New York City years ago.

"If they want to park, they have to pay," said a Cedarcrest Hall Council board member, speaking only on the terms of anonymity. "If they don't want to pay, they can

park down in East Troy. Anyone who knows what is good for them will pay a little extra and park here though. If they know what's good for them."

Anyone with questions concerning the move can all the Cedarcrest front office but must use the new extension 663. Also note that Cedarcrest will use a new zip code 1690210.

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Trashlight Sports

MANSFIELD UNIVERSITY ♦ MANSFIELD, PENNSYLVANIA ♦ WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2, 2003

McNamera to reign in the glorious 'red and black'

By JAN ZEDOY

Best Damn Sports Section Period!
Co-Editor

Mansfield sports' publicist Jerry McGuire announced today that Syracuse Orangemen standout Gerry McNamera has made the decision to give up the spotlight at the Division I level and come to Mansfield.

"He is looking forward to being a Mountaineer," McGuire said.

McNamera helped lead his high school team, the Bishop Hannan Golden Lancers to the playoffs and state championship. Many top Division I schools were very interested in McNamera, but he signed a letter of intent with Syracuse.

"Gerry is the kind of guy that will get along with our team and add to our success," McGuire said.

McNamera will be coming to Mansfield this weekend to tour the campus and interact with the team for the first time. A Syracuse spokesperson commented that McNamera will be missed thor-

oughly and will never be forgotten. In his freshman year with the team, McNamera showed the Division he could play with the "big boys" of Division I. However, it is time for him to move on, and he chose Mansfield for that changing ground.

"I can't wait to play with G-Mac," Brett Prolong said. "He knows the game and definitely has the ability to go far."

McNamera will arrive on campus early Saturday morning around 8 a.m. He will attend a sports breakfast held at the University Club located in downtown Mansfield on Main Street. He will be accompanied by Mansfield Athletic Director Roy 'Rogers' Manser, basketball coach Alex V. Cint and several members of the men's basketball team.

"Gerry is a people person, and I'm sure he will get along well the team and the coaches," McGuire said.

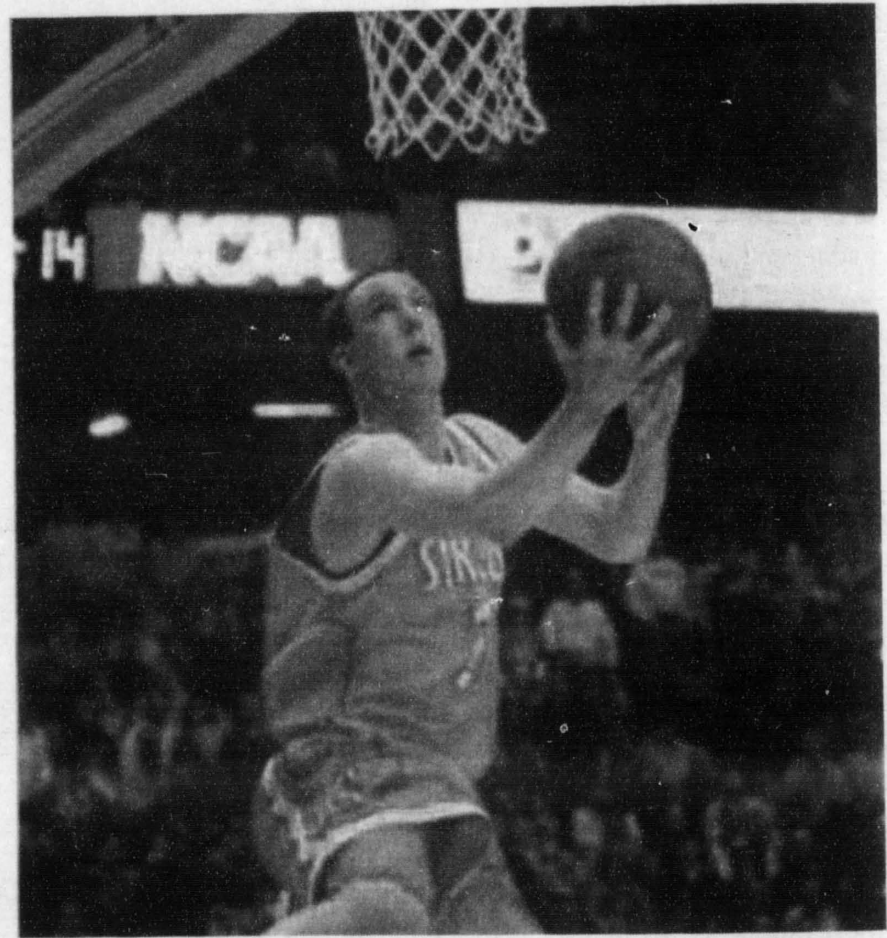
After the breakfast, WELM-FM will hold an on-air interview with

McNamera and the spokesperson from Syracuse University. The focus of the interview will be McNamera's personal reasons for the school switch and a discussion on basketball in his life.

"I spoke to Gerry a few times over the past few weeks," Manser said. "He is a well-rounded individual who wants to prosper in life. He can do just that here at Mansfield."

After the interview, McNamera and company will go to Decker Gym for a press conference at 1 p.m. Reporters from major broadcasting units such as ESPN, CNN sports and CBS sports will be on hand. Also, reporters from *Sports Illustrated* will be there.

"This will definitely be a big opportunity for McNamera," Cint said. "Stand up and cheer, it's a proud time to be a Mountaineer!"



Yahoo Sports

Gerry McNamera, who helped lead the Syracuse Orangemen to the Final Four, has decided to trade the orange for the red and black of Mansfield University.

A new sport...or is it just a scandal

By Giggity P.

Best Damn Sports Section Period!
Co-Editor

For the first time in as many years the Mansfield University sporting world has introduced a brand new sport to the spring program.

For the past few years, the athletic department has discussed a possibility of a new spring sport to add to the already existing lineup, which includes baseball, softball, and out-door track.

According to athletic director Roy 'Rogers' Manser, the department has looked deep and far for a new sport.

"Our options were limited, but we think we found the perfect

match to add to our spring line-up," said Manser. "Our main priority is to first get a vote on which sport will be added then we will go from there."

The sporting committee will be allowed to vote on four sports, which include bocce ball, badminton, fishing and surfing.

"Right now we feel that bocce ball may be our new sport," said a member of the committee. "We feel with the addition of bocce ball, we could attract more international students from Italy to Mansfield."

In the past, Mansfield has tried to introduce a new spring sport, but fell short in votes from the committee. What changed their minds this

year? Quite frankly no one knows for sure on what changed the minds of the committee.

The *Trashlight* was able to get a comment from an unknown source who claims to know the main reason.

"From the inside, there is rumor that the University has been under fire from the ICUP committee to get another sport," said 'White Fox.' "The University is only in it for the money. It must be the money."

Manser refused to answer about the alleged comments from Fox, but did say he would look into the ordeal.

"No matter what rumors are

"No matter what rumors are floating around, we are adding this new sport for the students not money. I don't think this will delay the committee's decision, but I do feel this will put a black eye on our program because it makes us look like crooks. I am not a crook."

- Athletic Director Roy 'Roger' Manser

floating around, we are adding this new sport for the students not money," Manser said. "I don't think this will delay the committee's decision, but I do feel this will put a black eye on our program because it makes us look like crooks. I am not a crook."

For now, the University is in hopes a new sport brings in more students and more competition in the ICUP conference.

Whether this is one big scandal or just a way to get press time, the University stands by their word that this is not about making money.



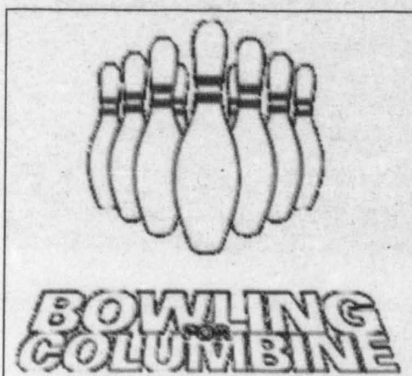
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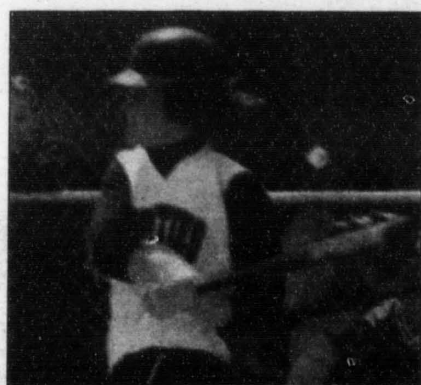
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MU President Rob Warren

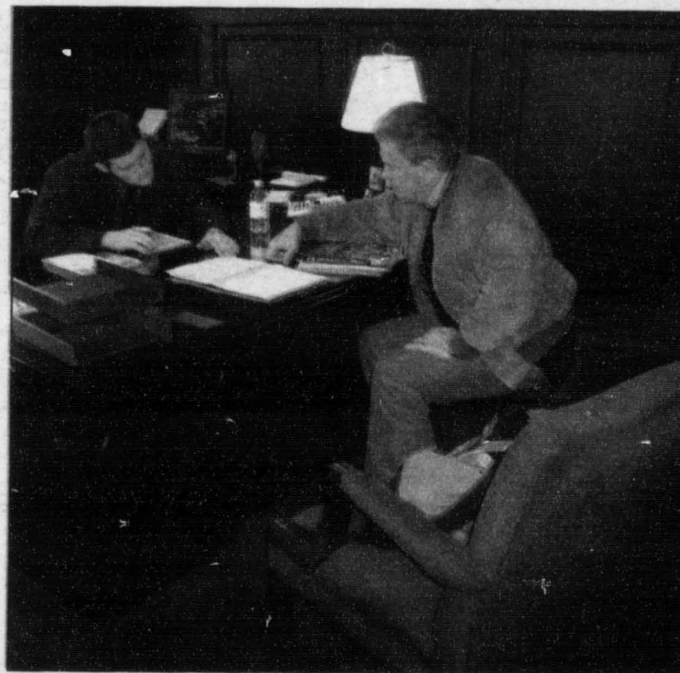
John Halstead and Rob Warren drew a few double takes on Monday as Halstead, Mansfield University's president 364 days out of the year, continued his tradition of trading places with a student for one day every year.

The Student Government Association (SGA) raffled off chances to be "President for a Day" and Warren was the winner, as was the American Red Cross. SGA donated the proceeds from the raffle to the Tioga County chapter.

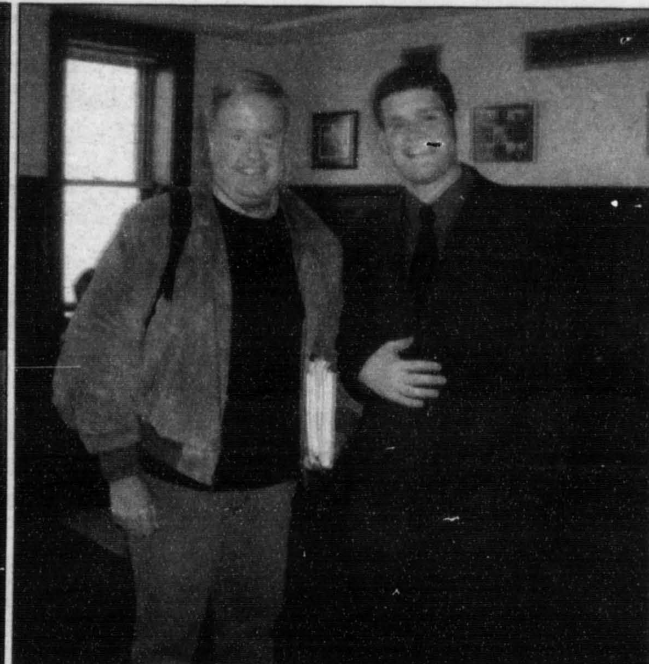
"Once again, I've enjoyed the opportunity to look at the academic world through the eyes of one of our many talented students," Halstead said. "From an impromptu 7:30 a.m. meeting with our new student trustee, coffee with professors as I was studying in the Student Center, to workshops in public relations, it has been a banner day for me."

Halstead also attended Warren's psychology class, which is studying lifespan development.

"How appropriate," he said. "I felt like an expert in the mid-life crisis years. All the students were looking at me for information on



(Left) Rob Warren looks over some Psychology notes taken by President Halstead; the pair mug for the camera before trading places for the day.



MU PUBLIC RELATIONS

that span of development."

For his part Warren, a public relations major from Hornell, NY spent his day receiving briefings from the university vice presidents and meeting with other university officials.

"Busy" is how he described a president's day. "It's hard to grasp what 'small university, big opportunities' really means, but this is one of

many times I've been able to find out," Warren said. "I think it's admirable that President Halstead is able to take time out of his schedule to do this so that he knows what it's like to be a student at Mansfield University."

Even while he was busy maintaining the president's schedule, Warren took time to have lunch with Halstead's wife, Kathy, and daughter

Christine. During the afternoon Halstead filled in for Warren in his job as a resident assistant in Hemlock Manor residence hall.

Today's experience only whets Warren's appetite for a career in higher education. "I love the non-stop learning," he said. "It's exhilarating." The senior plans on attending graduate school before pursuing his professional goals.

The Red Cross needs Mansfield's help

By SARAH STOERMER
Flashlight Writer

Students and faculty have a chance to join together with the Red Cross to donate blood today from noon to 6 p.m. in Kelchner Fitness Center. The donation is quick and easy, and ensures that the safest possible blood is available whenever and wherever it is needed - whether for the military or in one of America's hospitals.

The blood that Mansfield students donate becomes part of a nationwide system. Most likely, the donations will be used in our general area. The yearly goal for the Tioga County branch of the Red Cross is 102,500 units, which will serve 40 hospitals in the Northeastern/Central Pennsylvania area. But when sup-



plies are low the national system is dipped into and blood is sent to where it is needed most.

"We hope to bring in at least 120 pints of blood. In past years, Mansfield has brought in over 200 pints, but in recent drives donation has dwindled," Tom Johnston, director of the Alumni Hall Student Center and one of the blood mobile organizers, said.

"I hope students participate. It is helping the nation, and more importantly saving somebody's life."

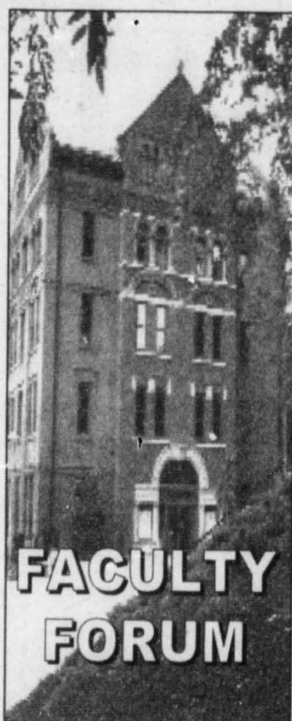
Unfortunately, only a fraction of people able to give blood actually donate. The requirements needed to give are as follows: you must be at least 17 years of age, weigh 110 pounds or more, have not donated in the past 56 days, or have donated double red cells in the last 112 days.

All participants will be eligible to win one of three \$50 Wal-Mart gift certificates. For more information call Johnston at 662-4981 or Arlene Welch, Tioga County Red Cross, at 724-2941.

The Blood Mobile is coordinated by the Student Center and sponsored by Panhellenic Council, Inter-Fraternity Council, Student Government Association, and All Residence Hall Council.

UPCOMING RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES

May 5 from 12:15 to 4:15 p.m.: Soldiers and Sailors Hospital
May 14 from noon to 6 p.m.: St. Mary's in Blossburg
May 15 from noon to 6 p.m.: Crary Hose Company
May 22 from 1 to 6 p.m.: Mansfield Fire Hall
May 23 from noon to 6 p.m.: St. Paul's in Wellsboro
June 2 from 12:15 to 4:15 p.m.: Soldiers and Sailors Hospital
June 4 from 1 to 6 p.m.: Pine Creek Methodist Church
June 12 from 1 to 6 p.m.: Millerton Senior Center



Dr. Adam Brennan, Director of the Bands and Music Chair, celebrated the golden anniversary of the Concert Wind Ensemble with a special concert on Sunday, at 2 p.m. in Steadman Theater. Dr. Brennan was joined by Donald Stanley, a former Director of the Ensemble.

Dr. Andrew Gaskiewicz, History and Political Science, was interviewed about the war in Iraq by WENY-TV. A portion of the interview was shown on March 20 and 21.

Dr. Nancy Sidell, Social Work, Anthropology and Sociology, completed training as an accreditation site visitor by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) at the CSWE Annual Program Meeting in Atlanta in March.

Dr. Scott Thornsley, CJA, and **Terry Day, Public Relations**, were among the main presenters at the Annual College and University Public Relations Association of Pennsylvania (CUPRAP) Conference in Hershey, PA in March. Thornsley and Day took part in a presentation entitled: "Faculty Meet the Press." **Dennis Miller, Public Relations**, co-chaired the conference.

Ben Cunningham, Donna Alden and Martha Whitehouse, Art, shared in an exhibit of MU faculty artwork entitled "Making of Time". Steve Bower, Ruth Anne Miller, Krista Steinke and Sherman Finch also shared in the exhibit. The work is being shown at the University Gallery until May 2.

Dr. Bradley Holtman, Languages and Literature, will lead a Faculty Lecture Series with the topic: "Why Do We Say That?" on April 8th in Alumni Hall, room 307. This will examine the history of everyday English words emphasizing the past and present relationship of words.

Music Faculty, Drs. Ken Sarch, Sera Smolen and Nancy Boston, will present a concert in Steadman Theater on Monday, April 14th at 8 p.m.

Deb Casey, United Campus Ministries, is sponsoring a Passover Seder tonight from 6 to 9:30 p.m. in Manser North Dining Hall.

Congratulations to the following winners regarding the APSCUF Elections:

Dr. Karen Guenther, History and Political Science - Secretary

Dr. Scott Thornsley, Criminal Justice - Treasurer

Dr. Andy Gaskiewicz, History and Political Science - Delegate

Dr. Mark Robarge, CJA - Alternate Delegate

Dr. Michelle Moore, Education and Special Education - Alternate Delegate

Dr. Barbara Smith, Education and Special Education - Membership Chair

Faculty and staff items of interest to the campus community should be sent to scarrish@mnsfld.edu. Items will be limited only by space and clarity.

POLICE BEAT

March 31, 2003 - Criminal Mischief: Sometime between the dates of Mar. 26 and Mar. 28, an unknown individual vandalized a Jeep parked in E parking lot.

April 2, 2003 - Disorderly Conduct: Isaac Hobbs, 20, and Zack Miller, age unknown, were referred to campus judicial after the two students got involved in a physical altercation inside Kelchner Fitness Center.

April 3, 2003 - Possible Theft: A Mansfield University student reported that a parking decal was removed from their car parked in A-lot.

April 3, 2003 - Criminal Mischief: A Mansfield University student reported that the side mirrors were broken off their car while parked in T-lot. The incident is under investigation.

April 4, 2003 - Criminal Mischief: Sometime between the dates of Mar. 24 and Mar. 27, an unknown person smashed the mirror off a vehicle parked in T-lot.

April 4, 2003 - Theft: Sometime between the dates of Aug. 1 and Aug. 30, an unknown individual removed between \$1500 to \$2000 in items from the apartment area of Maple ADRL Larry Watts during Maple B's construction.

April 5, 2003 - Theft: A Mansfield University student reported that their parking decal was removed from their car while parked in C-lot.

April 5, 2003 - Misuse of a Parking Decal: Denyelle Bareus, 19, was found to be in possession of a parking decal not assigned to his car.

April 6, 2003 - Theft: Two laptop computers were removed from a suite on the A side of Cedarcrest. The approximate value of the loss is set at \$1000.

If you have any information regarding these or other cases, please contact the police at 662-4900 or submit a tip anonymously at http://www.mnsfld.edu/~police/Anonymous_Tip.htm

Info-to-Go Campus Bulletin Board

★ **SGA** will be hosting a debate for the president and vice-presidential candidates on today at 4:30 p.m. in room 317 of Alumni Hall. Candidates will debate the various issues affecting the Mansfield University Community in the upcoming election. In addition to the candidates being questioned, there will also be time for the audience members to gauge the opinions of the various candidates.

★ **The Mumford Manor Murder Mystery** will be presented April 17 from 8 to 10 p.m. in the AHSC Multipurpose Room. To make reservations, stop by AHSC Room 326. Sponsored by the Student Center Advisory Board.

★ **Enthusiastic peer mentors** are needed for UNV 100, the First Year Seminar, for fall 2003. Peer leaders must have completed at least two semesters as full-time students at Mansfield, have a strong academic record, and be willing to work closely with a course professor and a group of first-year students. You will be expected to attend your assigned seminar class once a week and participate in some out-of-class activities. A \$250 stipend will be available to any mentor who completes the course. Pick up an application in the Provost's Office at 510 North Hall, and submit the completed application to the Provost by April 15. For more information, contact Russell Cooper at x4171 or Dennis Murray at x4775.

★ **Sigma** will be sponsoring a Late Night Luau tomorrow night at the Hut from 10 to 12 p.m. Admission is free, and all are welcome!

★ **Peer Counselors for the Act 101 Program** are needed for the fall 2003 semester. If you are interested, please schedule an appointment with Dr. Toni Baylor-Ayewoh.

★ Every Wednesday from 7 to 10 p.m., a **billiards tournament** will be held in Alumni Hall Student Center. Last week's winners were: 1) John Glasgow, 2) Mike Natishak, 3) Mike Pastor.

Announcements for *Info-to-Go* can be e-mailed to flashlit@mnsfld.edu and will be published on a first-come, first-served basis.

Dance the night away Bring a friend to the Best Buddies Ball

By HEATHER OISTER

Flashlight News Co-Editor

The Best Buddies Ball will be held Friday in the Multi-Purpose room of the Alumni Hall Student Center.

The fundraiser is aimed at helping the restarting group to establish a solid foundation for next year, but at the same time, the event marks the end of a great year for the group.

The idea to host a ball had been debated all year. "It was chosen because we wanted a fun way to say goodbye to the semester," Elizabeth O'Dell, Activities Coordinator for MU Best Buddies, said. "Our buddies all love to dance and we love to see them happy so this was just a natural choice!"

The group is also happy to have a DJ, Tex, who has offered his

services for free. "He plays good clean music and is very friendly," O'Dell said.

Another added bonus to the night is a non-perishable food col-

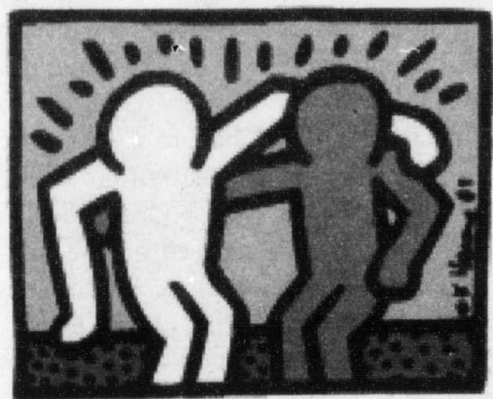
lection that will go to the Central PA Food Bank. Boxes can also be found in the dorms for this purpose. Admission is set at \$2 a person

and \$3 a couple and the ball will run from 7 to 10 p.m.

Best Buddies is a non-profit organization that is committed to bettering the lives of those with intellectual disabilities by providing them with opportunities for friendship and employment.

For more information on the group, go to <http://www.bestbuddies.org/about>, or e-mail mubestbuddies@yahoo.com.

BEST BUDDIES.



Music fraternity has a mission

The Beta Omicron chapter of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, a national men's music fraternity, will be helping to brighten the day of residents of the Laurels Assisted Living Home and The Green Home by presenting a program of music on April 19.

The day's events are part of Ossian Everett Mills

Mission, a national program honoring Sinfonia's founder by reenacting his own charity in the hospitals of Boston over a century ago. In addition to taking the gift of music to the residents, the chapter members will also be distributing flowers for the residents and candy to any great-grandchildren, or grandchildren who may be with them.

Nationally, Phi Mu Alpha was founded October 6, 1898; the Beta Omicron chapter was founded May 24, 1931. The Beta Omicron

chapter has contributed to music in Mansfield University through donations for scholarships and professional performances and hard work and dedication in their ensembles.

hospitals on Easter and Christmas days, and he carried on his charity for nearly thirty years. The many hours spent at the bedsides of the unfortunates brought returning hope and confidence to all. As singers and players walked through the wards singing and playing carols and hymns, each room, which was the scene of silent suffering so many weary days of the year, was changed into a place of good cheer and happiness.

Later this month, the Beta Omicron chapter of Phi Mu Alpha will work to emulate the selfless acts of Ossian Everett Mills.



Ossian Everett Mills, founding father of Phi Mu Alpha, devoted significant amounts of his time uplifting the souls of those less fortunate with the beauty and power of music. By 1886 he had originated the idea of visiting residents of the Boston

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The brothers of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, Beta Omicron chapter.

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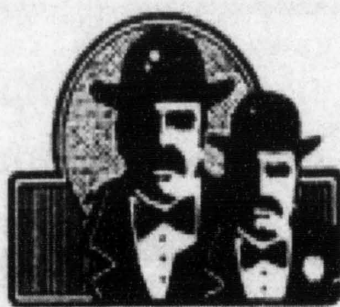
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Television Review: Chappelle's Show

By ANDRE BENNETT

Flashlight Writer

If Dave Chappelle had brought his sketch comedy series, "Chappelle's Show," to television five years ago, it would have most likely been abruptly cancelled. Hell, if he had brought it to any other network today, even MTV, it would probably get pulled after the first couple of episodes. Thankfully, it's on Comedy Central, a network that values sick comedy just as much, if not more, than Lifetime values sappy TV movies.

I'm not being harsh. You can't watch "Chappelle's Show" week in and week out and not feel a little dirty after seeing sketches like R. Kelly's "Pee on You" video, breaking news coverage on Jedi Knight sex scandals, and a Frontline exposé on racist Hollywood animals. "Chappelle's Show" is the product of twisted minds; in this case, Dave Chappelle and his friend and collaborator, Neil Brennan. The two write every sketch, every week, to keep the comedy from getting diluted, and so far, it has remained fresh.

Chappelle once told interviewers at Howard University that he wanted to reinvent the wheel and push

the envelope. He wasn't lying, as the show takes more chances than any sketch comedy series in recent memory, with a madcap spirit not seen since the opening seasons of "In Living Color." No topic seems to be off-limits for Chappelle, be it race, drug abuse, or (all kinds of) sex. For instance, his first episode featured a "Frontline" sketch about a blind white supremacist named Clayton Bigsby. Clayton never left his house except for Klan meetings, and even then, he only wore his requisite hood. The joke about Clayton, however, was that he was really Black, and was unaware of that fact, having never seen himself. The sheer insanity of such an idea, plus the liberal use of the n-word, led to some of the most riotous and eye-opening moments I'd seen on Comedy Central up to that date. Then Chappelle had to top himself.

A later episode featured a sketch about a crack addict named Tyrone Biggums. Tyrone visited an elementary school drug awareness program, and delivered a rambling, drug-addled monologue about his experiences with crack--a monologue tinged with a bit too much fondness, a whole lot of foulness, capped off when he passed a stool

in the classroom's trash can.

However, the craziest sketch I've ever seen on his show has to be the R. Kelly sketch, where he lampoons the singer's sexual deviance in a song called "Pee on You." Minutes later, he delivers the "Pee on You Remix," a catchy little song written to the tune of the "Ignition" remix. The song is so catchy, in fact, that I was convinced I would get into so much trouble after getting it stuck in my head and singing it out loud.

However, Chappelle isn't just out to shock people. The audacity of his comedy doesn't just display his willingness to take risks, but also his sharpness and wit. Chappelle is willing to skewer any aspect of pop culture. He regularly hosts a series of sketches showing the "real" versions of different movies, including *The Matrix*, *Ghost*, and his own *Half-Baked*. He also lampoons the entrepreneurship of hip-hop, with commercials for Roc-a-Fella maxi-pads ("Roca-pads"), Redman Toilet Bowl Cleaner, and Wu-Tang Financial Services (all featuring real artists such as Damon Dash, Redman, and the RZA and GZA). His brief monologues before each sketch tie the clips into personal

experiences of his own, or observations on our culture.

Even when he handles race, Chappelle's comedy never really seems to get old. One of his best sketches revolved around the African-American community after receiving reparations for slavery. Liquor stores were beset upon, FUBU became the largest corporation in the world after merging with KFC, and Black basketball players simply failed to show up to the court. It seemed on the surface as though he was using every stereotype in the book, but if you could see past that, then you'd see a very insightful satire on Black consumer culture. He also assaulted racial stereotypes in an earlier sketch casting himself as a fake psychic using those stereotypes to divine people's futures. "You're dating a Black man, aren't you?" asked Chappelle to a girl who confided about her parents' disapproval of her new boyfriend.

If there was one flaw with the show, it was that it seemed a little weaker for a time when Chappelle didn't handle race. My least favorite sketch had to be "Inside the Chappelle's Show Studio," an "Inside the Actors' Studio" parody

showing Chappelle's dramatic side in satirical clips of fake films throughout his career. While it was a funny sketch, it didn't draw as many laughs from me as usual. However, that was then, and Chappelle has since grown even more, handling topics outside of race and his breast obsession with fiery gusto.

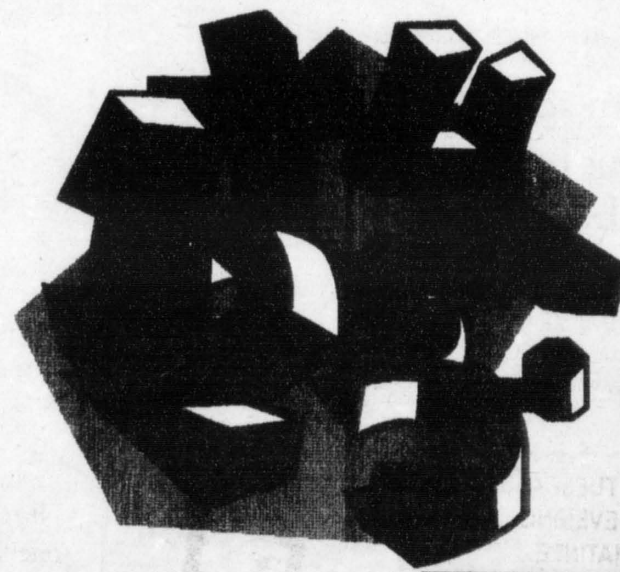
I'd feel remiss if I didn't mention his musical guest segments, featuring a variety of rap and hip-hop artists in taped segments that seem more like actual music videos than variety television performances. I'd have to say that I would never have even heard of Talib Kweli if not for Dave Chappelle, and I would have missed out on one of my favorite albums of the year, "Quality," in that case. That's an opinion for another review, however.

I watch (and tape) the show every week, and after each episode, I sit there wishing it could be a half-hour longer. At the same time, however, I know I've laughed more than I normally laugh after watching a full ninety-minute episode of "Saturday Night Live." "Chappelle's Show" is wild, unapologetic, and right now, the funniest thing on the air.

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Documentary to be shown at Mansfield

By ANDRE BENNETT
Flashlight Writer

Mansfield University's Faculty Film Series will present the Academy Award-winning documentary *Bowling for Columbine* on Thursday, April 17, at 4 p.m. in the Allen Hall Auditorium.

The film, written and directed by documentarian Michael Moore, explores the correlation between firearms and violence in America. In the film, Moore visits places such as Columbine High School in Littleton, Co., the home of actor and National Rifle Association president Charlton Heston, and Canada. In addition to Heston, singer Marilyn Manson, "South Park" co-creator Matt Stone, and comedian Chris Rock also make appearances.

The controversial feature, originally released in October of 2002, received much attention and acclaim. Critic Roger Ebert called it a "documentary that is both hilarious and sorrowful," while BBC Films critic Nev Pierce wrote, "Bowling for Columbine is a documentary that works as a hugely entertaining movie." In addition to

critical praise, *Bowling for Columbine* was also honored at the 2002 Cannes Film Festival, the first time in fifty-six years that a documentary was screened at the prestigious event. Most recently, the film received an Academy Award for Best Documentary Feature.

The Faculty Film Series, according to its coordinator, Dr. Andrew Longoria, is a series of cutting edge and experimental films that challenge the audience. "If it incites thought, that isn't necessarily a bad thing," says Longoria.

Longoria asserts that the film is timely for three reasons, the first being the rash of school shootings that culminated in the Columbine incident, from which the film draws its title. He believes that the recent "Beltway Sniper" shootings in the Washington, D.C. area also lend relevance to the film, as does the nation's current war with Iraq.

"Those three things make the idea of questioning gun control as an issue to think about rather important," says Longoria. "The idea of showing the film is to make people a little more aware."

RadioVertigo: Weekly WNTÉ review

[Editors note: the opinions expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Flashlight.]

By LOREN CARPENTER
Flashlight Writer

Hi again everyone, the "OP" back with ya. Only a couple of reviews this time, as I felt compelled to touch on a different matter this time around. But let's do the reviews first, shall we?

On Sunday night, after much prodding from WNTÉ's own General Manager Jackie Salerno, I finally sat down to review "Keepin It Real", with her fellow regulators Andrea, Sheena, and Laura. The only thing was, I forgot that it was "spring ahead", meaning we all lost an hour of sleep due to that wonderful concept known as Daylight Savings Time. So, much to my surprise when I turned on the ol' Giant at around quarter to 10, low and behold they were already representin because it was actually quarter to 11! Whoops, but Jackie was cool with it, so I went on with my review. And I liked what I heard. They are a real "radio friendly" variety show, hittin up all the hits you all know and love. As I joined the show already in progress, they were spinning a lil' Salt N Pepa with "Shoop". Then we heard some Live and Smashmouth leading right up to the "80's Back Flash" as DJ Laura called it. IN this segment we heard Depeche Mode, C+C Music Factory, Vanilla Ice, and some good ol' New Kids On The Block (they knew I'd like that). They followed that up with the "Rip N Hip-Hop" block. Thats a cool name too! And they finished up with some Fleetwood Mac, U2 (another score, of course, with yours truly), and some ZZ Top. Great variety and very friendly and personable ladies. Check them out for all your musical needs on Sunday nights!

On Monday evening, while I was watching some "wrasslin" and eating chick peas, I decided to tune in to my old buddy Andre Bennett's show, "Earphoria". Of course he was joined as always by his distinguished co-host Kefka (who is perhpas one of the 5 most entertaining radio personality's in Mansfield). Now Frankie Thirteen (Andre's on-air handle) was churning out the weird stuff like I always enjoy, as he hit on some Flaming Lips, Elvis Costello, Spacek, and Josie and the Pussycats. They also hit on some more mainstream but good stuff with David Bowie, The Music (which I picked up recently and dug) a double shot of The Clash and a cool remix of "Never Tear Us Apart" by INXS. The highlight of the show for me was when the duo decided to break out the karaoke and chime along with that old Tommy Tutone song about the phone number. Funny stuff, especially when Kefka accidentally mixed up the numbers and rattled off Frankie's dorm room number! Way to go, my young hellion!

And I would just like to add that of course NO ONE really jumped off of the roof of North Hall on the 'Sylum two Wednesdays ago as many of you may have heard....it was a DRAMATIZATION, which means NOT REAL. Just thought I would clarify that for anyone who may have been confused. But man it was funny, and if certain people can't have a little sense of

humor, then maybe my show isn't the show for you.

And speaking of controversy, I now would like to speak on something that has been on my mind quite a bit lately. As many of you may know by now, the Thursday night mainstay in the midnight slot, "The Climax" was removed from WNTÉ programming. It was my favorite show and I am very saddened that I no longer have it to look forward to on Thursday nights. Nick Morales was the mastermind behind the show, but apparently his ideas pushed the envelope just a tad far in certain people's eyes, and ultimately after much back and forth behind-the-scenes maneuvering behind "that" curtain, the plug was pulled on him.

Now yes, Nick made some mistakes and yes, his show probably deserved that coveted NC-17 rating, but for the time of night he was on, I feel it's either send the 16 and under demographic to bed, or change the dial. And I don't know all of the details, which is why I am trying to be careful here for what it's worth, but I didn't much like the way his duties were halted. Nick and I had many conversations about the entire situation prior to his exit, and he seemed ready and willing to compromise and play by "the rules". I encouraged him not to go out lying down, because I know firsthand at WNTÉ what it's like to be on the hot seat, as I myself have been the center of controversy on numerous occasions...too many times to count to be honest. Hell, controversy has followed me seemingly since I arrived on the scene way back in the fall of '99, and some of the graduating seniors like Nick can attest to that. Like me, Nick is an entertainer. He likes to have a good time on his show and not just go through the motions and push buttons and turn dials. Nick is a very talented person, and as a fellow communications major, I have had many classes with him and many experiences with him to see this. Nick will be successful in our industry and someday after we're both out of here, I hope that our paths cross again one day.

It really is a shame that his show is gone and he doesn't get to finish out his senior year doing something he loved. Nick did over one hundred radio shows on 89.5 during his time here. This year, "The Climax" had developed a "cult" late night audience, and I was glad to be apart of the entertainment on those wonderful occasions. His show was not for the weak of heart. Some people called it controversial. Some called it risque. Some called it utterly perverted. I even heard from someone that his show had even been referred to as a "cancer." Now that's a tad bit harsh, isn't it? His show was no disease, though it did grow on ya like a fungus, at least for some of us! It was none of the aforementioned adjectives. I called it good ol' fashion entertainment; late night radio at its demented best. If anyone else agrees with me, and I know there are many of you, feel free to write to the Flashlight or call the radio station to voice your opinion. I'm sure Nick would appreciate it from his fans. Thanks for the memories, Mr. Morales. Maybe someday we'll hear ya someplace else, maybe not. Whatever happens, just know that this fan sure appreciated you.

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Random Ramblings

By RACHEL ADAMS ★
& COREY MEOLA ☞

Flashlight News Co-Editor and
Flashlight Copy Editor

★ Mad props to John from the Mountie Den. I was there the other day, being indecisive about my ice cream choices, as usual, and he unlocked the Gallery for me 'cause there was *one flavor* in that freezer that wasn't in the Den. Anyone else would have told me to shut up and pick another flavor. My pint of Peanut Butter Cup is all the more sweeter now; thank you, John.

☞ Commercial Rant of the Week: That stupid Mountain Dew commercial with the whale. First, why is that guy kayaking on the ocean in the first place? Second, why would he bring a bottle of soda with him? Can't he wait until he

gets back? And third, that many people would definitely never fit in a whale. I prefer commercials that don't require me to stretch my imagination quite so far.

☞ Thumbs up the campus police for the new speed limit signs. I actually didn't know the speed limit on campus until now. I just went slow enough that I didn't run anyone down if they happened to pop out in front of my car. I've noticed, though, that since the signs went up, people have been going slower and being that much more careful. Thanks MU!

★ My little brother Noah turned 17 on Monday, an occasion that caused conflicting emotions for me. I was happy that he liked the present I gave him, sad that now I feel old,

and PISSED OFF because it was SNOWING all day long. I remember going to see him when he was born, and it certainly wasn't snowing then. I also remember pitching a huge fit when I found out he wasn't a girl, but that turned out for the best 'cause he'll never ask to borrow my clothes. At least he'd better not.

☞ I've decided to take a vacation to Glasgow, Scotland so I can sit somewhere and listen to the people talk. If you're wondering which accent it is that I like, check out the accent on the Quidditch Captain Oliver Wood from *Harry Potter* or the blacksmith girl, Kate in *A Knight's Tale*. I'd say listening to people talk like them is definitely worth the money to go over there.

TODAY IN HISTORY

www.coolquiz.com/trivia/

1953 - TV Guide published its first issue.

1959 - The Boston Celtics won their eighth consecutive NBA championship.

1970 - Paul McCartney announced the official split of the Beatles.

1977 - The Swedish pop group Abba debuted at number one on the American pop charts, with "Dancing Queen".

1984 - Film actress Linda Hunt became the first person to win an Academy Award for portraying a person of the opposite sex. The four-foot-nine-inch actress won the Best Supporting Actress Award for her portrayal of a half-Chinese, dwarf male photographer in *The Year of Living Dangerously*.

1986 - "Dallas" announced it would revive the killed Bobby Ewing character.

1999 - *Never Been Kissed*, starring Drew Barrymore as a copy editor who goes undercover at a high school to report on teenagers, opened in United States theaters.

GEEKculture

By TODD BAILEY
Flashlight Writer

• The additions of Bill Goldberg (finally) and Sable (surprisingly) should make for some very interesting programming on WWE television. Then there is the return of "The Piper's Pit" on SmackDown. That should worth a watch. Who knows what will come out of Rowdy Rodney Piper's mouth!

• In other wrestling news, Bret "The Hitman" Hart admitted to missing wrestling in his weekly column for the Calgary Sun. He also stated that if he did not suffer a concussion and a stroke that he would probably try to make a return to wrestling now that they have went back to producing great matches again. He also stated that he was willing to put his personal feelings for Vince McMahon aside to watch this year's Wrestlemania.

• The trailer for *Dumb and Dumberer: When Harry met Lloyd* is available for viewing at the film's website. The idiot's are slated to hit theaters on June 13.

• Vin Diesel was heard stating that if he could play a superhero, he would like to play the Silver Surfer. I could see that, but I would much rather see him in a live-action Thundercats film in the role of Panthro.

• I have made another crucial mistake in my short life...I began to play The Sims again! Help me!

• April 11 is rapidly approaching for us Potter fans! See you guys Thursday night at Wal-mart for the midnight release!

• Seth Green has joined the cast for *Scooby Doo 2*. I guess you can say he's doing the Doo! Ha-ha, I'm retarded. Anyway, filming for the film begins a week from this past Monday.

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GEEK's random quote of the week:
"You know, people like blood-sausage to. People are morons!"
-Bill Murray (even though he refuses to do *Ghostbusters 3*)
Groundhog Day

In the GEEKlight: *The Shawshank Redemption*



★ So, yeah, Radiohead has a new album coming out, and they are not very happy about people downloading it early. Therefore, they have started a campaign saying that whatever version you may have downloaded is not the real version; it's just noise. And, in case you aren't feeling guilty, you have compromised their album by downloading it before its release. You bastards, Radiohead is starving so just wait and buy it at FYE for \$3,000 or something. That price does include a 3 minute DVD with a partial video and five seconds of behind-the-scenes footage. Woo.

★ Um, what's the deal with the movie Bulletproof Monk? My official observation is, riiiiiiiiight. Am I really supposed to believe the dude from the American Pie movies is a kung fu action movie superhero? I mean, just give me Jean Claude Van Damme, make it direct to video, and call it Bloodsport 19. The other dude, from Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon, should not have made this movie either because he's a legit kung fu super guy. I know he may be trying to cross over into the American market, but I swear there has to be better roles. Maybe they think Stifler can be accepted like Keanu Reeves in the Matrix series.

★ Speaking of, I saw my first preview for Matrix 2. Graphics look pretty insane, and I'm sure we'll see all the ripoffs soon enough.

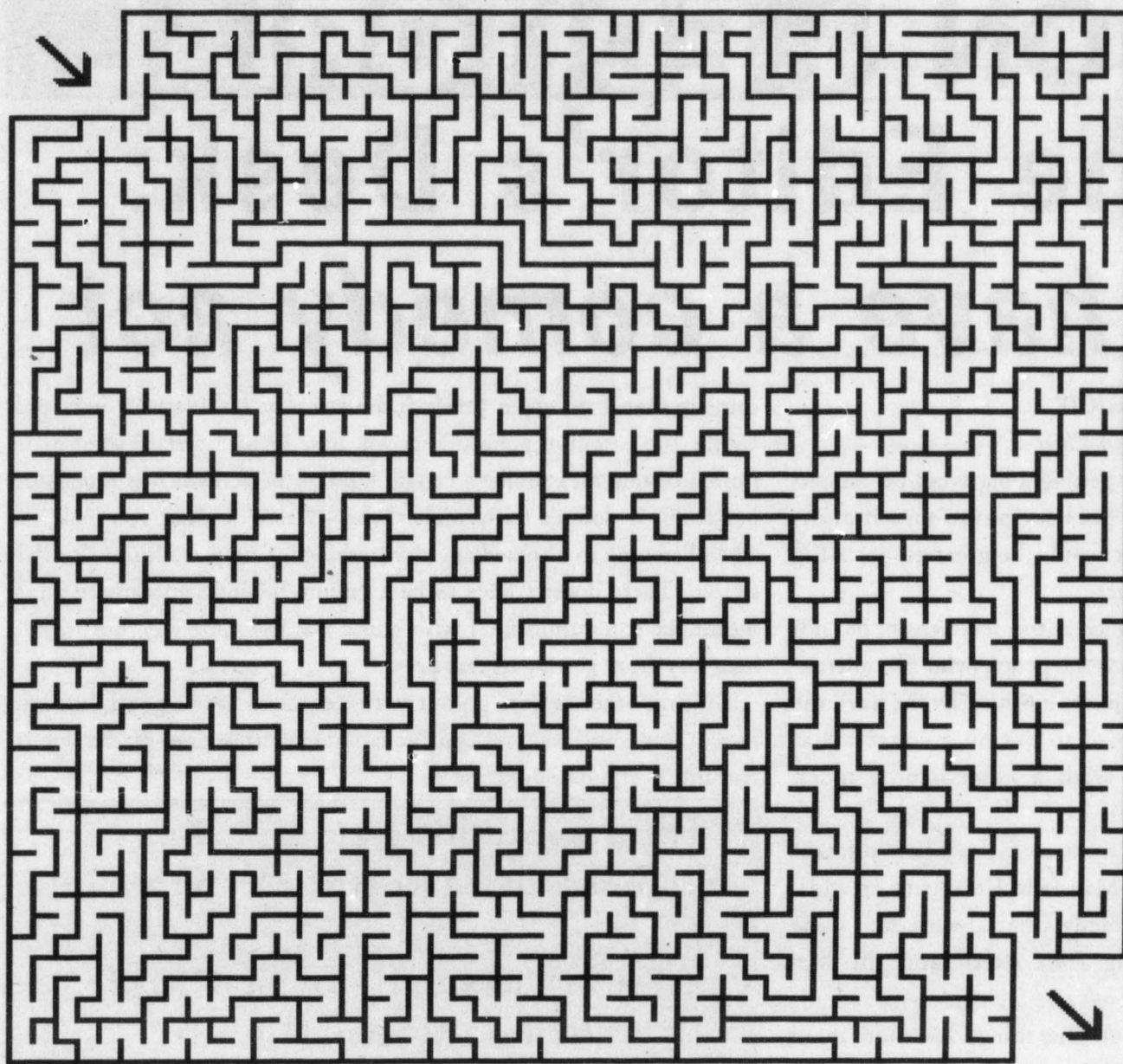
★ Badass Kelly Osbourne is joining Robbie Williams on his tour. Dude, she is so down with the Devil and punk raaaawk that she's going to rock out with the former boy band member. Whoa. That's like Vanilla Ice making a hardcore album.

★ Yeah, so am I the only one that remembers Ross Robinson saying that there was nothing more punk rock than making a hardcore album with the Ice Man, and then they stuck that quote on the cd so you could verify your punkness with the purchase of Hard To Swallow?

★ Aging grungers are for the war, or at least they don't like it when Eddie Veder smashes a mask of President Bush during a live show. During the encore of their show in Denver, Eddie tripped out and went ballistic on a mask and started yelling about the war so fans left the venue. Maybe they realized they needed a shower since they've been living the grunge life since 1992.

★ Mogwai, your favorite don't-call-us-a-jam-band-because-we're-above-that-and-we-play-smart-instrumental-rock-songs-for-smart-people, have a new album due out in June. Right now it's called, Happy Songs for Happy People. It's self-proclaimed as "forty one minutes fifty seconds of total unadulterated brilliance." Rock action.

★ Less Than Jake is releasing their 1 billionth album, Anthem, on May 19. They're on tour in the UK if you really want to know.



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OPINION & EDITORIAL

From the Editor's Desk:

Glad to have a comedy act

By DYLAN BRUCIE
Flashlight Editor-in-Chief

I think it's really great that we're finally getting a big event on campus that doesn't have to do with music. I've been saying (to myself mostly, admittedly) for a long time that it would be great to get a big name comedian instead of a musical act.

Don't get me wrong. I like music as much as the next person, but not everyone likes the same groups. There are the people who like alternative, the people who like rap (who aren't just minorities, by the way), the people who like metal, etc. It's really hard to put on a concert that will satisfy more than one group. With a comedian, a much broader group of people can be satisfied.

I've liked Dave Chappelle for a long time, so it was a very pleasant surprise to learn that he was coming to Mansfield University. In addition to the funny show he has on Comedy Central now, he's done some really funny movies, including *Half Baked* and the Mel Brooks classic, *Robin Hood: Men in Tights*.

I really hope this act has a great turnout. One thing I like more about

comedy than I do about music is the fact that it's relatively universal. Unlike the common premise that you have to be a certain color or be from a certain area to like a certain kind of music (which is ridiculous, but true), it doesn't really matter who you are or what you look like when listening to a comedian. If something is funny, it's funny. It's that simple. There doesn't have to be a culture behind it because it's just meant for entertainment. I wish music was the same way, but we're a long way from getting to that point.

If for no other reason, go out to this event to have a good time and have a few good laughs. College is stressful this time of the semester, and everyone could use it.

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Letter to the editor:

Different point of view

Dear Editor:

Just as we all have different perceptions of world events, we all have different perceptions of daily events that we witness with our own eyes. A common occurrence is testimony from a group of witnesses who all saw the same event but recall it differently.

I read Richard Dale's letter to the editor (April 2, 2003), and while I support his right to express his opinion, I disagree with his description of the Poets Against War program. The stated purpose of the program was as part of a national response to the cancellation of a poetry program at the White House. American poets were uninvited to an event at the White House when it was discovered that some poets planned to read poems opposing war. At the MU program, anyone was invited to read a poem against war or for peace, and those wishing to read a pro-war poem were invited to schedule their own event. Previous programs on the campus - the faculty forum, the student debates - have offered opportunities for multiple points of view.

I attended the Poets Against War program and was present for the entire event. I sat in a chair 10 feet from the podium. My overall feeling about the event was pride in the students, faculty, staff, and community members who spoke from the heart, and dared to oppose an action taken by our government even though that may not be the popular thing to do right now. Dissent takes courage. Peace takes courage. Organizing an event to address peace and war while one's son is in military service in Iraq takes courage (I am referring to event co-organizer Judith Sornberger).

I disagree with Professor Dale's observations about what occurred, and his reference to "an act of violence." The student who read a "pro-war poem" read the entire poem [song] while the audience listened. He was allowed to complete the reading, then he stated that it was not a poem but a song, and that he had substituted the name "Saddam Hussein" for "Osama bin Laden" because it seemed more appropriate. (This demonstrates a very common misperception. In national polls, up to half of Americans confuse the two people, and believe the war against Iraq is retaliation for 9/11 - actually, that was the war in Afghanistan last year, but I concede it is getting hard to discern what is what).

Once the student read his poem, and made his statement, he began to speak very loudly and angrily about his displeasure with the event. The event organizers made their way to the podium, stated that his reading was inconsistent with the stated purpose, that this was not the forum for contentious exchanges, and asked him to stop shouting and being disruptive. I did not hear every word that was exchanged after that; however, I think most people who attended would agree that the student did complete his reading, was even allowed a short political speech, and was confronted when he became disruptive, and there was danger that the event might have disintegrated into a shouting match or worse. I think the event organizers were trying to keep the program peaceful and constructive. I did not witness "an act of violence."

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PERSPECTIVE (cont.)

This is my opinion because you should know: I oppose the war because I support nonviolent means of conflict resolution, because seeing the dead bodies of American soldiers, the POWs, the dead and wounded Iraqi civilians and soldiers, Kurdish and British soldiers killed by friendly fire, orphans, starving and diseased people crowded into hospitals inadequate to care for them, and refugees who have lost everything makes me despair, because I see outrage and anger in the worldwide demonstrations against this war, and

worry that we all will be at increased risk for terrorism, because I listen to our government talk "liberation" while installing political cronies and corporate campaign contributors in positions to govern post-war Iraq, and because the invasion of Iraq will take attention and resources away from the funding of education, social programs, workforce development, health care, homelessness, and a myriad of other important services.

I do believe that our opinions matter when we make observations. If we could go back in time

and observe the same event, our opinions would probably still differ. If we can't quite trust our perceptions, then let us be very careful with our words, especially powerful words like peace, violence, terrorist, right, wrong, good and evil. Let us be careful with our actions. Let us try to be as informed as possible before we make judgments. Let us stay civil even in the most trying of times.

-Betsy Brune
Office of Grants
Development

Letter to the editor: *Misconceptions of Iraq*

Editor:

I want to clear up some of the misconceptions people have about what is going on in Iraq right now. The government and the media claim that what is happening is a military action to free the Iraqi people, which they have dubbed Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The U.S. government expected the people of Iraq to greet their military with open arms as great liberators. This did not happen. I ask you to please really consider what I say because what I say can be documented, and what the U.S. Government is telling you cannot be documented.

In 1991, in the aftermath of the first gulf war, George Bush the elder encouraged the Iraqi people to rise up against Saddam Hussein and, they did! All but four of the eighteen provinces in Iraq were taken over by citizens opposed to Saddam Hussein. The Iraqi citizens were jubilant and waited excitedly for the promised help of the U.S. government.

That help never came. The U.S. government and its military stood by while Saddam's troops crushed the uprising-no, they didn't just stand by-Military helicopters

hovered above and witnessed the slaughter and did nothing to stop it.

That happened just 12 years ago, and the Iraqi people remember it. They quite rightfully do not look at the American government as either trustworthy or as looking towards their best interests.

Your loved ones and friends are not in Iraq fighting for the freedom of Iraqi citizens (nor are they fighting for my freedoms, as so many of you have told me). If the government of this country wanted to liberate the Iraqi people, they had a wonderful opportunity to do so in 1991.

The citizen uprising was not supported by the United States in 1991 because the U.S. government did not really want an Iraqi self-determined alternative to Saddam Hussein---the United States government wanted control over what that Saddam alternative would be.

And that is why your friends and loved ones are over there now. The United States government is after regime change-a regime change that they control, with a government that they create. The war that is being fought is not

for my freedom or for your freedom or for the freedom of the people who live in Iraq or because of what happened on September 11, 2001.

And if the United States government succeeds in conquering Iraq, they will have gained control over one of the largest oil deposits on planet Earth, as well as gaining a strategic foothold in an area of the world that has previously not been under its thumb.

So when you see me protesting this travesty next weekend, please don't insult me by asking me if I remember September 11, 2001, and don't ask me to go to hell, and don't tell me to go back to Baghdad where I have never been, and don't ask me to leave the country I was born in, grew up in, and am a citizen of. I love the land that is this country, and many of the people I encounter, but I do not love the government or what it is doing.

If you really want to support the troops, stand up against this war to bring them home-otherwise the only thing you are supporting is death on all sides and power and wealth for a few.

Sincerely,
Beth Williams

Letter to the editor: Retort to 4/2 letter

To the editor:

I am writing to you in response to Dr. Dale's Letter to the Editor on April 2, 2003 titled "Violence in many forms." In this letter Dr. Dale stated that while attending the "Poets Against the War" reading on March 24, 2002, he witnessed "intolerant actions [that] constituted an act of violence." I would like to clarify the preconceived notions, like this one, that were voiced within Dr. Dale's letter.

First of all, Dr. Dale stated that the pro-war student was "cut off" during his reading. This is not true. The young man was allowed to finish his pro-war reading (song lyrics-not poetry) without interruption. When he was finished with his reading he refused to hand the microphone over and began voicing his opinions in a most belligerent way. At this time, he was asked to please leave the podium. Social commentary was not asked to be given, nor should it have been delivered in such an obnoxious way.

Secondly, Dr. Dale commented on the remark made by one of the event's organizers: "After the incident, one of the organizers justified silencing the young man by saying that he would be invited to speak at the White House, but 'we wouldn't.'" The reason that this comment was made is because the event was organized based on the dis-inviting of poets by the White House because of their anti-war views. It was apparent that the pro-war reader did not understand why the reading was taking place.

Thirdly, because he is a professor at this university, Dr. Dale should know that according to the "Student Conduct" section of the Password "disruption or obstruction of teaching, research, administration, disciplinary proceedings or other university activities" is forbidden. Such acts "shall be subject to the maximum sanction authorized by this document [the Password]."

I do not agree with Dr. Dale's comment that "Nevertheless, the academic freedom of the college community-and, the spirit of peace-suffered a small setback on Monday." If anything, the need for this spirit is stronger than ever because of the event.

-Bobbi Button

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MANSFIELD'S ADAM STAIER AND LAUREN OLIVIERI WIN 10K JUNIOR NATIONAL RACEWALKING INVITATIONAL

Mansfield University freshmen Adam Staier and Lauren Olivieri each took first place in the men's and women's divisions at the National Junior 10 K Racewalking Invitational in Arlington, Va. Sunday afternoon.

Staier crossed the finish line at the head of the pack with a winning time of 46:34. His performance earned him a berth in the USATF Junior 10 K National Championship at Stanford University on June 20, 2002.

Olivieri posted a winning time of 55:51, also earning a berth in the USATF Junior 10 K National Championship. Mansfield junior Sarah MacIntyre was third in the Junior women's division with a time of 61:24.

The USATF Junior Division is for all track and field performers age 20 and under.

MUHLENBURG INVITATIONAL

Charity Learn shattered the 1500 meter school record while Nate Rieder won the javelin and Josh Wooten led Mansfield University in its first outdoor meet of the season at the Muhlenburg Invitational Saturday afternoon.

Learn finished second in the 1500 with a record setting time of 4:49.91 and was also part of the school record 8 x 800 relay team of Stephanie Caldwell, Sarah Moore and Theresa Stanford, which finished third with a school record time of 10:10.59.

Caldwell was third in the 800 meters with a time of 2:22.95 - just shy of the school record. Kathy Schooch also placed for the Mountaineers, finishing third in the long jump with a 16-03.25 effort.

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'Freshman Rule' in Orange

By CHAD LANDERS
Flashlight Sports Writer

The Madness is over and oh what madness it was.

No number one seeds made it to the championship game. Only one number one seed made it to the Final Four, Texas. The only team that could possibly beat Syracuse showed up and failed.

That's right; the Orangemen of Syracuse showed the entire nation that two freshmen really can overcome all adversity and inexperience. Carmelo Anthony and Gerry McNamara started the season as freshmen, but they definitely have finished this season as anything but freshmen. In a game where two seniors were supposed to be dominant, it was the Orangemen youngsters stealing the show.

Possibly the scariest one, two punch in all of the NCAA, Nick Collison and Kirk Hinrich were out-matched and outplayed the entire night. McNamara hit three-pointer after three-pointer, and Anthony drove to the basket repeatedly. At one point, Syracuse had the lead up to 18 points. Kansas showed the heart of a true champion and worked all the way back to make the game close, but fell just three points shy.

Kansas' resiliency can best be comprehended by looking at the road they took to reach the championship game. Coming out of the toughest bracket in the tournament, Kansas faced test after test.

They narrowly escaped the first round with a three-point win over Utah State. After easily disposing of Arizona State, Kansas again showed their true spirit when they barely beat Duke, with Collison displaying his senior leadership. As if that wasn't enough, Kansas then took on tournament favorite Arizona. Kansas beat Arizona and sent Marquette home on their way to the championship game in New Orleans.



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The Syracuse Orangemen defeated the Kansas Jayhawks, 81-79, in the 2003 National Championship game.

Syracuse's path, on the other hand, was less stressful. Coming out of the east, Syracuse beat Manhattan, Oklahoma State and Auburn rather expectedly. It was only when Syracuse faced Oklahoma that the doubts crept into the minds of those around the country. Could two freshmen really lead Syracuse to the national title? When will they make costly mistakes? Can they possibly beat three Big XII teams in a row?

Well, neither of the freshmen cracked under the pressure. On the contrary, both Anthony and McNamara excelled under the pressure. McNamara hit big shot after big shot from behind the three-point line, and Anthony dominated players off his dribble.

The most impressive stat of Syracuse's championship run is their record against the Big XII, 3-0. With the two strongest conferences in the tournament excelling, the Big East and the Big XII, it was inevitable that they would meet in the final game. When only Syracuse made it to the Elite Eight and three Big XII teams advanced to the Elite Eight, it looked bad for Syracuse. However, the insanity that composes March Madness took over and produced a stunning

outcome.

In Syracuse's run to the national title, they matched strength with possibly the three toughest teams in the tournament. The Orangemen dispatched of the Big XII's Tournament Champion.

Then they dispatched of the second best team and T. J. Ford in Texas. Finally, they took the title from the Big XII's regular season champion. It truly is one of the greatest runs to win a national title. Kansas has no reason to hang their heads either, they were simply outplayed.

With the joy for Syracuse obviously comes sadness for Kansas. So close once again, yet so far away. No title once again for Roy Williams. Will Williams stay or go to North Carolina? No title for the most dominating duo in college basketball this year. Another year of waiting and another year to see how Kansas will lose the title again.

If there's one thing to take from this year's tournament, it's that one should never underestimate the underdog - and make your foul shots.

Now, we can only wait for the start of next year's season and for another crazy March. Until next year, never give up on your team until that clock hits double zero.

This Week in Mount Sports							
Mansfield Sports Weekly	Wednesday 4/9	Thursday 4/10	Friday 4/11	Saturday 4/12	Sunday 4/13	Monday 4/14	Tuesday 4/15
Baseball		Kutztown 1 p.m.	Bloomsburg 1 p.m.	East Stroudsburg 1 p.m.	Clarion Away 1 p.m.		Shippensburg Away 1 p.m.
Outdoor Track			Bucknell	Slippery Rock w/ California			
Softball		Kutztown 3 p.m.	Millersville	East Stroudsburg 1 p.m.	Shippensburg	Millersville Away 3 p.m.	

On the sidelines: Kim Short

By **MIKE PETERS**
Flashlight Sports Writer

The track and field season is here, and Mansfield has hopes of becoming an even more competitive team.

This year is packed with youth. The women's side of the field is carrying ten freshmen. For freshman runners like Kimberly Short, success is familiar, and she will do all that she can do to bring her winning ways to Mansfield's track and field team. She has great expectations for the outdoor season and years to come.

Michael Peters: What is your year and major?

Kimberly Short: I am a freshman nursing major.

MP: What made you choose a major in nursing?

KS: I love babies, it all started when I used to watch the Cosby Show.

MP: Where are you from?

KS: I was born in Indianola, Miss., but I live in Lancaster, Pa.

MP: Why did you decide to come to Mansfield?

KS: The nursing program is very good here.

MP: When did you start to run for competition?

KS: I began running competitively when I was nine years old.

MP: Did you ever participate in any other sports?

KS: I used to play many different sports. I played basketball; I was a cheerleader for many years, and I participated heavily in power lifting.

MP: What's involved in power lifting?

KS: Power lifting includes squatting and dead lifting.

MP: Did you enjoy it power lifting?

KS: It was one of the the most satisfying things I've ever done. I won a national record for the dead lift.

MP: Why didn't you participate in any other sports at the University?

KS: I don't think that my coach wanted me to do any other sports. I really like running, and I want to focus on it.

MP: What events are you in?

KS: I run the 400-meter, the 800-meter, the 200-outdoor relays, 4 x 4 and 4 x 8 distance medleys.

MP: What is your strongest event?

KS: My strongest event would have to be either the 400-meter or the 800-meter. The 400 is a paced sprint, and the 800-meter is more of a paced race. I love to sprint, and I love to run paced races; it's the best of both worlds.

MP: Did you win any awards?

KS: Yes, I have won Rookie of the Year, Most Valuable Player three different times, and my team won a national track and field meet.

MP: What is your favorite part of being on the track team?

KS: My favorite part of being on the team is the constant support from my teammates and coaches. I love the continuous encouragement. I suffered from an injury, and my teammates told me that the competition wasn't the same without me. That kind of support makes me feel really good.

MP: Do you see track and field as a team sport, or more of an individual sport?

KS: I see it as a team sport. Regardless if you are running an individual event, people will support you and help to bring down your time.

MP: How often do you train for track?

KS: I train everyday for track. Some days are easier than others, but I practice just about everyday.

MP: Do you ever feel like giving up?

KS: I almost did when my asthma was real bad. I almost died when both of my lungs collapsed. My doctor told me to quit, but I just couldn't give up.

MP: What keeps you going strong?

KS: My family, friends and God. All three factors support me. They all keep me going and keep me believing in myself.

MP: I'd imagine its every young track star's dream to go to the Olympics. Have you ever thought of the Olympics?

KS: When I was young, that was my goal. Once I realized what I wanted in my life, it wasn't my dream any longer. I knew my dream was nursing. I love having the personal relationships that nurses can have with their patients.

MP: Is there anything you do



before a competition, like a routine or superstition?

KS: When I was younger, I carried a teddy bear. I was always daddy's girl. Now my routine is more prayer than anything.

MP: Does saying the Lord's prayer help you before your events?

KS: Yes, it completely helps me. If I didn't have the faith, why would I do it? When I pray, I make sure I ask to get through the race.

MP: What is one thing that you learned in track and field that you will carry on with you in your future?

KS: Track has taught me to take care of and respect my body, regardless of who tells me what to do.

MP: Where do you see yourself in ten years?

KS: In ten years, I hope to be a nurse in Lancaster. I will work in a women's and baby hospital. I will have a nice house and two children. Eventually, I want to live in New York City or Atlanta.

MP: Is there a motto or saying that you live by?

KS: "Never put off what you can do today until tomorrow" and "It is better to regret something you did, than something you didn't do."

MP: How is the team going to do this season?

KS: Since we've done so well indoors, I think we're going to transfer our success to the outdoors. We have more dedication and more unity as a team; I think that will benefit us greatly.

PSAC SHORTS

SOFTBALL

Eastern Division Player: Anna Carr (*Shippensburg*): Carr helped Shippensburg to a 6-0 overall record and a 4-0 PSAC East record by hitting .375, with seven runs, seven RBIs, and two doubles.

Eastern Division Pitcher: Amber Cowher (*Bloomsburg*): Cowher posted a 2-0 mark in three appearances. She threw 13.1 innings without allowing any runs and striking out a total of 17 batters.

Western Division Player: Tara Frantz (*Edinboro*): Frantz, hit .714 for the week. She recorded a double, triple and scored four runs. Frantz is currently on an eight game hitting streak.

Western Division Pitcher: Kim Fleissner (*Edinboro*): Fleissner, in her only appearance for the week threw a one hitter in an 8-0 win over Mercyhurst College while striking out seven batters.

BASEBALL

Eastern Division Player: Chris Talar (*West Chester*): Talar hit .545 in a five game stretch for West Chester. He scored three runs and racked up nine RBIs.

Eastern Division Pitcher: Kyle Frees (*West Chester*): Frees threw 6.2 innings last week picking up a win and a save in the process. He allowed just four hits and one run during this stretch.

Western Division Player: Joe Neidrick (*Slippery Rock*): Neidrick was a key player in Slippery Rock's 7-0 mark last week. He hit .452, with eight runs, 13 RBI, four doubles, three triples and a home run.

Western Division Pitcher: Mike Sikorski (*Slippery Rock*): Sikorski threw in one game last week going the distance against Edinboro. In seven innings he struck out 11, allowing just five hits and two runs.

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Mounties battle against Golden Rams

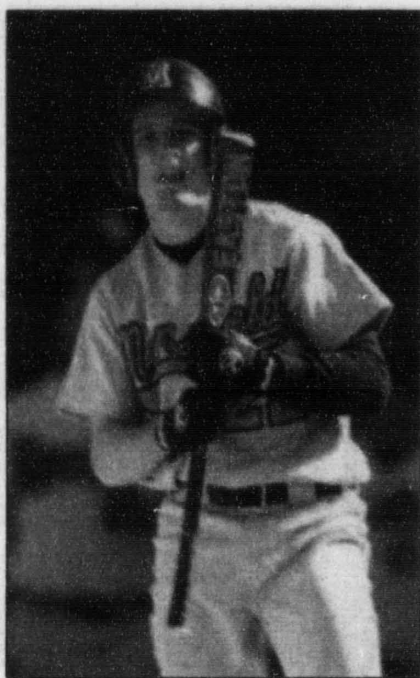
By JENNIFER A. NELSON
Flashlight Sports Co-Editor

So far this season, the Mountie baseball team has seen moderate success. However, there is only one thing plaguing the team this year - the weather. Horrible weather conditions have left many baseball fields including Mansfield's own Shaute Field unplayable. This caused the Mounties to have many of their games postponed very early in the season.

Despite playing conditions, Mansfield was able to face West Chester University this weekend for PSAC action.

In game one of the doubleheader with the Golden Rams of West Chester, Mansfield edged the Rams by a score of 4-2. Josh Rearick was the key player in game one as he led the seventh inning with a single. Rearick went 4-5 at the plate.

During a pickoff attempt, he made his way safely to third base. He later scored off of Brett Brown's



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Josh Rearick helped in the Mounties' defeat in game one over West Chester.

sacrifice fly. Brown went 2-3 recording an RBI in the game. Jason Fischer scored another run for the Mounties in the seventh

inning. he reached base on an error by the Golden Rams. He would then advance to second base on Doug Evans' sacrifice bunt. Travis Wurster knocked an RBI single that allowed Fischer to finally score.

In the bottom on the seventh inning, West Chester scored two unearned runs with the help of Dan Toner and Mike LaRosa. Mansfield's D.J. Hoshauer helped the Mounties maintain the lead and the win as he sliced a double in the top of the ninth inning.

Jeff Papi started game one but was relieved in the seventh inning by Dan Yoder. Yoder was replaced by Marty Rakaczewski in the bottom of the ninth. Rakaczewski got the last Golden Ram batter to ground out to secure the win for Yoder. This allowed Yoder to record his fifth victory on the season for Mansfield.

In game two, the Golden Rams defeated the Mounties, 5-3. Jason Fischer and Brett Brown's RBIs

enabled Mansfield's first runs in the top of the third inning, holding a 3-1 lead.

Despite the lead, West Chester came back in the bottom of the third with two runs off the bats of the Golden Rams' Josh Wagner and Erik Ruff. They would hold their lead adding two more runs in the fifth inning.

John Cronin took the mound for Mansfield in game two for five innings. Cronin was then relieved by Dan Yoder. Kyle Frees picked up the win for West Chester.

Mansfield's record in the PSAC East is currently 3-3. Overall, the Mounties hold a 16-11 record.

Mansfield hopes to continue their schedule in the later part of the week. "The weather has affected all of us," head coach Harry Hillson said. "As of this morning we are going to postpone Wednesday's home game with Ithaca and try to get back on track with our conference schedule."

2003 PSAC Eastern Division Team/W-L

Millersville	6-1
West Chester	5-2
Mansfield	3-3
Kutztown	3-3
Shippensburg	2-3
E. Stroudsburg	1-4
Bloomsburg	0-3

2003 PSAC Western Division Team/W-L

Slippery Rock	6-0
Clarion	4-2
IUP	3-3
California	2-3
Lock Haven	0-3
Edinboro	0-4

Mountie softball splits with Rams

The weather outside is frightful, and if you have no place to go - let it snow, let it snow, let it snow...

The calendar may say April, but looking outside it looks to be winter as Helen Lutes Field is covered in Mother Nature's snow.

With the weather being a problem for teams all over the PSAC, the Mountie softball team was fortunate enough to get their game against West Chester in last week.

The Mounties traveled down south of the state to take on the Golden Rams in a PSAC East matchup. Mansfield entered the game looking for their first PSAC win of the year.

In game one, the Mounties sent freshman Kristen Dean to the mound. Dean is having a good rookie year as she looked to record win number four on the year.

Dean pitched a complete game going six innings and only gave up two earned runs.

However, the Mounties gave up a combined three unearned runs as the Golden Rams went on to win game one, 5-2.

Senior Jes Ricker doubled for the Mounties, and freshman Kris Kelly recorded an RBI in game one.

During game two, the Mounties sophomore pitcher Alison Tagliaferri took the hill as the Mounties looked to salvage at least one game from the Rams.

After giving up two runs in the first inning, Tagliaferri was on cruise control the rest of the way striking out a combined nine batters in 6.2 innings of work for her second win of the year.

The Mounties also had some power punches from Kelly, who hit



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Jes Ricker doubled during the Mounties doubleheader against the Golden Rams of West Chester this past week.

a two run home run and junior Heather Long, who launched a solo shot home run, to secure the Mounties 7-3 victory over the Golden Rams.

With the win, the Mounties improve to 8-8 overall and to 1-5 in the PSAC East standings.

Mansfield's upcoming schedule has been modified due to the recent weather. As of press time, the Mounties game against Shippensburg has been postponed for today.

The Mounties will play Kutztown tomorrow at Lutes Field or down in Kutztown.

2003 PSAC Eastern Division Team/W-L

Kutztown	7-1
Bloomsburg	5-1
Shippensburg	6-2
West Chester	4-5
Mansfield	1-5
Millersville	0-4
E. Stroudsburg	0-5

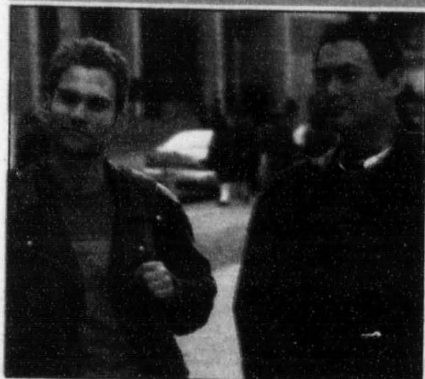
2003 PSAC Western Division Team/W-L

California	3-1
IUP	3-1
Edinboro	4-2
Clarion	4-2
Slippery Rock	1-5
Lock Haven	1-5



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A day with Greg Gumbel

By NICHOLAS F. MORALES

Flashlight Writer

He was ten years old. The Bears and Packers football game was on the television set. He stood in front of a mirror in the living room reciting to himself what he was viewing. This was the beginning of one of the most respected broadcast careers in the sports casting business today.

Mansfield University was graced by the presence of CBS Sports Anchor Greg Gumbel last Wednesday. The day-long visit included a student and media session, a dinner with students and a campus address later that night. Gumbel spoke to the students and community of Mansfield with the topic of "Making the Effort" through heart, determination, courage and attitude.

After graduating with an English degree from Loras College in Dubuque, Iowa in 1967, Gumbel never thought about becoming a broadcaster or getting into the television/radio field.

"I used to talk into a tape recorder and I hated the sound of my voice. I used to practice time and time again to actually get something that I liked, but I wasn't really confident in the broadcast sense," Gumbel

said.

Originally motivated to be a doctor and yearning to go into the field of medicine, Gumbel started out small in the communications industry by working at a hometown clothing store as an advertising assistant.

Major influences in his life were his parents, especially his father. Gumbel stated that his father taught him what kind of person he should be.

"Choosing right from wrong, good over bad and better over worse" was the set of values his father instilled into his life growing up. Gumbel's father, who served as a judge in the town where Greg grew up, also said that he should get a good education, listen attentively to whoever is speaking and to speak clearly in all situations.

Gumbel has been involved with sportscasting since the spring of 1973, where he worked for a NBC affiliate in Chicago. Not truly knowing how the broadcasting business works, Gumbel thought he would be at that affiliate forever, meaning his whole career.

He described how his brother, Bryant, and himself were "two lucky people" that fell into a career they both love and are capable of

doing. Gumbel has been the play-by-play announcer or studio anchor for the NFL, Major League Baseball, three Olympic Games ('92, '94, '96), the NBA, figure skating and college football. Along with all his accomplishments, which include broadcasting awards and 3 Emmy Awards, Gumbel also has made an impact on the color barrier in the field of sportscasting.

He became the first African American to broadcast play-by-play for a championship event during Super Bowl XXXV. This upcoming NFL season will mark the sixth at CBS Sports for Gumbel, and the second season alongside Phil Simms in the play-by-play booth broadcasting games. The pair will be the lead broadcast team on CBS for Super Bowl XXXVIII in Houston on February 1, 2004. He likes his two primary responsibilities at CBS right now- the NFL and NCAA Basketball. He describes his job as a 'release.'

"I get to do something that I love, sports and broadcasting," Gumbel said. Of course, there are negative aspects to the job as well. Gumbel described his only dislike- the amount of travel and the time it takes away from his family.

When speaking of the broadcast-

ing industry as a whole, the issue of minorities was a strong topic to Gumbel. When it comes to females in the sports field, Gumbel said, "women in the sports broadcasting field are in the same position that African Americans were in about ten years ago. In sports broadcasting today, as defined by the American viewing public, it is typically harder to accept a woman feeding sports information to the viewer. I believe and hope that it will change over time, but as sexist as it seems, a women sportscaster cannot sound like a woman." Adding to that, some advice for women that want to go into the field, Gumbel said "be yourself and know your facts."

"Most broadcasters on television today are average. Some still have to be better, and I see a lot of broadcasters who are average, especially on local news around the country. People that you see on television, no matter what their talent level, are there because of popularity and ratings. This is especially key in newscasters."

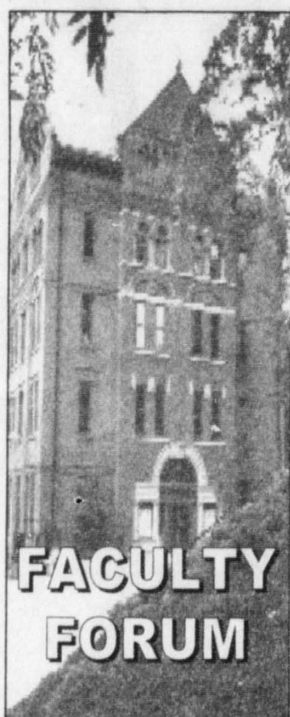
In the minority sense, Latinos, females and African Americans need to be better than the norm to make it," Gumbel said.

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Greg Gumbel receives a Mansfield University sweatshirt from President Halstead (left) and talks to students during his visit to campus.

MU PUBLIC RELATIONS



Tim Madigan, Sociology, presented a paper entitled "How do Pennsylvanians Form Opinions of Their Local Public Schools?" at the Eastern Sociological Society's 73rd Annual Meeting in Philadelphia on March 1.

Mike Lemasters, Interim Vice President of Student Affairs, will lead a discussion entitled: "Civic Engagement" at the last Town Meeting on Thursday in Alumni Hall Multipurpose Room (307). This discussion is based upon Goal Number Five: Public Engagement which is part of the renewed Mansfield Plan. A buffet lunch will be available at noon with the meeting beginning at 12:30. All members of the campus community are invited.

Denny Atkinson and Rusty Wood, Facilities, were honored at the Pennsylvania National Guard Appreciations Awards in recognition of its employees support of Charlie Company, Third Battalion, 103rd Armor. Mary Lou Stroud, Executive Assistant to the Provost, accepted the honor on behalf of MU employees. The plaque is on display in the Employees Lounge.

Dr. Monique Oyallon, Languages and Literature, presented a paper entitled: "La France des Trente Glorieuses racontée aux jeunes filles" in a session called "French Cultural/Culture Studies at the Twentieth-Century French Studies Colloquium at the University of Illinois at Urbana on March 28.

Dr. Susan Laib, Music, presented a Faculty Oboe Recital in Steadman Theater on April 12. She was accompanied by Dr. Nancy Boston (piano) and Dr. Mike Galloway (trumpet).

Faculty and staff items of interest to the campus community should be sent to scarrish@mnsfld.edu. Items will be limited only by space and clarity.

Info-to-Go Campus Bulletin Board

★ **The Ellison Collection**, Mansfield University's only all-male acapella group, will hold a concert tonight at 8:30 p.m. in Steadman Theatre. Works performed will include "You're a God" by Vertical Horizon, "Lady in Red," by Chris DeBurgh, and "Hear You Me," by Jimmy Eat World. The concert is free and open to the public.

★ **Peer Counselors for the Act 101 Program** are needed for the fall 2003 semester. If you are interested, please schedule an appointment with Dr. Toni Baylor-Ayewoh by calling x4694 or stopping by South Hall 210.

★ Every Wednesday from 7 to 10 p.m., a **billiards tournament** will be held in Alumni Hall Student Center.

★ **The Flashlight** will not be publishing next week due to finals. We wish all Mansfield University students, faculty and staff a safe and happy summer! We'll meet you between these pages on August 23, 2003. Thanks for another great year!

Announcements for *Info-to-Go* can be e-mailed to flashlit@mnsfld.edu and will be published on a first-come, first-served basis.

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POLICE BEAT

April 3, 2003 - Theft: Sometime between Mar. 29 and Apr. 1, a parking decal was stolen from a vehicle parked in A-lot. The incident is under investigation.

April 4, 2003 - Vandalism: An unknown individual hit the cars of five students with eggs while the vehicles were parked in T-lot.

April 12, 2003 - Disorderly Conduct: James Pumphrey, 20, was cited and referred to the campus judicial system for disorderly conduct and the purchase, possession, and consumption of alcohol. Michael Kipe, 19, and Drew Smith, 20, were also referred to the University judicial system.

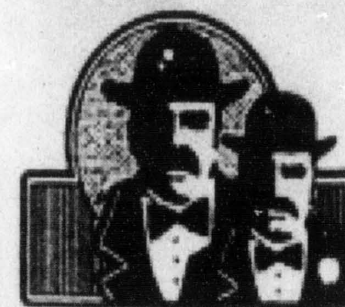
April 19, 2003 - Suspected Illegal Possession: Maggie Marturano, 18, and Bruce G. Nance, 22, were referred to the university judicial system for suspected marijuana use.

April 19, 2003 - Illegal Possession: Joseph G. Chamerlain, 18, was charged with underage purchase, possession, consumption, transportation of alcohol.

April 21, 2003 - Burglary: An unknown person entered a room on the fourth floor of Cedarcrest B while the room was locked, and removed a laptop computer valued at \$2,500. The matter is under investigation.

If you have any information regarding these or other cases, please contact the police at 662-4900 or submit a tip anonymously at http://www.mnsfld.edu/~police/Anonymous_Tip.htm

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Helpful advice from those who know

By JENNIFER A. NELSON

Flashlight Sports Co-Editor

If you want it/You can have it/You just have to reach out there and grab it.

You might recognize these words from a song by the popular band Weezer. These words describe what you can achieve in life, no matter what your educational background.

Many Mansfield students and faculty had the opportunity to learn a lesson on life during the seventh annual Com Day on April 11.

This special day was started by the retired Dr. Howard Travis as a way for all students not just communication majors to hear about the lives of several alums from Mansfield. This year, Dr. Lee Wright invited Robin Adams (Class of 1997), Darren Meehan (Class of 1998), and Jason Crundwell (Class of 1997). Each alum described how they managed to obtain their job positions

and how to reach goals in life.

Adams is a sports broadcaster in Buffalo. Adams anchors half of the weekends out of the year and is the beat reporter for the Buffalo Sabers. "I have had a lot of luck in my journey," Adams said. She also started a scholar athlete program for high school students in Buffalo as well as traveling with the Buffalo Bills.

"The more internships, the better," Adams said. "You should start small and work your way up." Adams also suggested that one must not "get frustrated" when starting their career.

Meehan handles marketing for a top catalog company, Timberlane. He graduated with a degree in journalism and worked as an editor before switching to a career in the marketing field. Meehan handles all the advertising and corporate communica-

tion for his company.

"What has helped me the most from Mansfield is the public speaking component," Meehan said. He focused on goals in life and ended his presentation telling the audience "whatever you put into it is what you're going to get out of it."

Crundwell was the final alum to address the students and faculty. Crundwell holds a job in promotions for a television station in Ohio. Ironically, he also did his internship for the Cleveland Browns' promotion department.

"I love my job and wouldn't trade I for the world," Crundwell said. He stressed that learning about the Internet and multitasking is very important in every field, not just Communications. "Learn what you can and get involved."

Spring Fling is fast approaching

By HEATHER OISTER
& HILLARY GRUMBINE

Flashlight News Co-Editor
and Flashlight Writer

This year's Spring Fling schedule promises many exciting events to allow students and staff to unwind before the final crunch time.

Events will be going on all day Friday in South Hall Mall. As of now, the agenda includes an airbrush artist, juggler, a bucking bull, and Bill Hoffman's Wild Animal Show. Cotton candy and snow cones will be among the refreshments for the day.

Throughout the day there will be "Professional Pests," which are moving statues and other things, stationed around campus.

"You might see what looks like a statue and then it will move," Crisp explained.

If you're looking more for the music scene, Clinton Street between Pinecrest and Laurel will be the place to be. About a month ago, MAC was planning on getting an MTV trio to come down and play for the campus on Spring Fling; however, the MTV tour fell apart.

MAC then booked three local bands and four outside



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Loni Gamble and Sound Cheque

bands recommended by their agent. The local bands on the list are Blue Shadow, Slightly Askew and Hot Lunch. Missing Joe, one of the other bands chosen, is the only one who sent a publicity kit so far. Other bands playing will be Elefant, Loni Gamble and Sound Cheque, and Gym Class Heroes. The popular Trinidad Steel Band will be playing in the afternoon as well.

"...The bands look pretty good too. It's my first spring fling, but I can't wait to see how it's all going to pan out," said Jackie Gulamali, a freshman broadcasting major.

The final even of the day will take place at Zanzibar at the Hut. A professional DJ, "Bea Jammin'," will be spinning, starting at 10 p.m.



Gym Class Heroes

Take a break from studying and make a difference

By ERIN EBERLY

Flashlight Writer

Earth Day will be held at the Hills Creek State Park for everyone who wishes to enjoy the warm spring weather this coming Saturday, April 26.

Earth Day is sponsored by the Office of Community Service Learning. Elizabeth Williams, a student who works in the office, said the office works directly with members of the community such as the mayor, partners in progress, and Tioga county partnership on community service oriented projects. The staff of the CSL office organizes community service oriented projects like Relay for Life, Make a Difference Day, and

Daffodil Days to help get University students involved in the community around them.

Williams is personally organizing Earth Day, which will involve a fundraising raffle of gift certificates from local businesses. Part of the money raised by the raffle will go to Trees for Tigers, a project that is working on expanding the habitat of the Siberian tiger. Another part of the money will go to Trees for Sarajevo, a project to

replant trees in urban Bosnia destroyed by the war in Sarajevo. Trees across America is the third organization that will benefit from the Earth Day fundraiser. This project is an attempt to plant a tree for every person in America in the next six years.

The second part of Earth Day will be a bring-your-own-lunch picnic at Hills Creek State Park. The Tioga County Countryside Council is organizing the picnic, which will include tours of the lake, live music, and information booths, as well as tree planting.

The Community Service, Learning office has not received much response about Earth Day but Williams

would like to encourage any one who is interested to contact the office so they can get involved. If there is enough interest transportation can be arranged to Hills Creek. You can get in touch with the CSL office at 662-4177 to get more information about Earth Day. So go ahead, call and get involved in Earth Day with some friends. It is the perfect opportunity to enjoy the warm spring weather and help the earth.



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MU Dance Team is in full force

By KELLY SCHRADER

Special to the Flashlight

A new activity has recently joined Mansfield University's campus community. Welcome, the Mansfield University Dance Team!

What, you may ask, is the MU Dance Team? Team organizer Jen Evans describes the dance team as "a collection of talented dancers that have gotten together to perform at the MU Basketball games during half time and possibly even competing in competitions in the future."

The Mansfield University Dance Team recently at Kelchner Fitness Center. The girls who tried out for the team were required to attend four practices to learn a routine, which was performed before a

judging panel.

"They were judged on appearance, execution, knowledge of the dance, posture, facial expressions and timing. They also received extra points if they were able to do stunts such as a pirouette, fette, split, or leap," Evans said.

Since the team has only recently formed, no performances have been scheduled. However, next semester, the Dance Team will be out in full force to carry out routines on the basketball court and quite possibly in the competitive circuit.

A very bright future is in the works for the MU Dance Team. Evans is very optimistic about the future of the team.

"We plan on having dance camp to raise money for uniforms and

other necessities. We are also looking forward to performing at the first game as well as getting involved in competitions."

Evans also had a few words of advice about what it takes to be a part of the team. "Hard work and dedication play a main part in order to be a successful member of this dance team. I think we have a great group of girls who are willing to provide us with those qualities."

The MU Dance Team will be holding one more tryout next semester prior to their first performance. However, the Fall 2003 tryout is open to freshmen only. Next semester the team will begin a three-day a week practice schedule. The advisor of the dance team is MU professor Linda Crawshaw.



(Left to right)

3rd row: Colleen Joyce, Lydia Smith, Stacey Svadeba, Erin Morris, Danna Purnell, Jaylin Vega

2nd row: Amber Wolford (co-captain), Jennifer Kaeppel, Karlyn Smith, Jessica Nary.

1st row: Linda Harrison, Jen Evans (captain), Lynelle Mosley

English, mayflies, flirting and...Unamunda? MU Dramatics explains

By JONATHAN SCHWAB

Flashlight Writer

MU Dramatics is sponsoring "Four Plays by David Ives," which debuted in Straughn Hall last night and continues its run this afternoon at 4 p.m. The show includes four one act plays, all of which come from Ives' works.

Sarah Alden, a sophomore Theatre major, is the director for each of the four plays.

Alden believes all four plays are

different due in large part to Ives' unique style.

"All of them are pretty unusual," she said. "They're not slice-of-life dramas. They're all comedies, and David Ives likes to make plays that are a little absurd, that you can't exactly relate to, but really make you think."

Alden offered up a brief preview for each of the one act plays:

"The first play is called 'English

Made Simple' and is about two people at a party whose every conversation is being evaluated by a professor.

"The second play is called 'Time Flies' and is about two mayflies that learn that they only have 24 hours to live.

"The third play is 'Sure Thing' and is about a guy who is hitting on a girl, and keeps making mistakes. Every time he says the wrong thing a bell rings and he gets to go back

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During his address to students, community and faculty members in Straughn Hall, Gumbel said, "sports is a lesson that we can all learn from. Sports are competitive, as is life."

Gumbel spoke about what he learned about life through sports, while relating it to the three Olympic Games he worked. "People can learn a lot from the Olympics through the Olympic Spirit," Gumbel said. "You need to have an attitude that you can carry with you. With your personal will power, you can do anything you put your mind to. Your attitude is the medal in life that uplifts everyone."

Gumbel also spoke about the value of education and to make the most out of your experiences while at school. "Be valiant in your efforts. Be there, compete and take part whenever you get the opportunity to," he said.

During his career, he has witnessed several different spectacles, games and events. Joking when he said, "I absolutely hate the snow and ice," Gumbel said that his most memorable experience in his thirty-year career was the 1994 Winter Olympic Games in Lillehammer, Norway.

"Those five weeks in Norway covering the Olympics was truly an

amazing experience," he said.

His best football memory was during Super Bowl XXXVI in New Orleans, his birthplace. "My favorite moment came on the final play of that game. Patriots kicker, Adam Vinatieri kicking the game winning field goal with such determination and under a world of pressure was a magical moment."

Reliving some of his favorite moments from this March's NCAA Men's basketball tournament, Gumbel is a fan of the upsets. "What's great about the tournament is the chance for the upsets. You don't know who will lose or when," Gumbel said. He likes the small schools that play in the tournament. Take Butler University, for example. "People question small schools abilities and what I like is when they can shock and prove those critics wrong in the tournament."

When away from the studio and in the NFL off-season, Gumbel works with the March of Dimes Foundation teaching family values and giving seminars throughout the United States. Gumbel also gives 25-30 inspirational speeches a year to organizations, colleges and universities around the country in an attempt to reach out to professionals and students in his "Make an Effort" campaign.

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five weeks.

Alden hopes the end result will be one that pleases audiences.

"I just hope to entertain people. I'd like for everyone to have fun; to laugh and learn something."

The assistant director of the plays is Katie Heil, a sophomore chemistry education major from Strasburg, Germany.

Admission is \$1 and cannot be purchased in advance.

Some people don't get a summer vacation!

By JACOB BURKE

Flashlight Writer

While most of the students on campus are getting ready to head home for the summer next week, the campus will be getting down and dirty right after graduation with the beginning of summer construction.

The major projects on campus for this summer are the renovations of Laurel Manor, Manser Dining Hall and the completion of Grant Science Center.

The renovation of Laurel will result in the 'B' wing being shut down for full renovations through the summer and into the fall. This means that new plumbing and electrical will be installed along with fire detection and protection and the rooms will be more modernized. This will also result in the three sororities that occupy that wing of Laurel to move into Pinecrest Manor for the Fall

2003 semester.

Renovations will continue with Laurel into 2004 with the 'A' wing being shutdown and full renovations taking place there.

The renovation of Manser Dining Hall has already started with the "Sky Ranch Grill" being constructed into the area of the old bookstore. This new food court will replace the current "Mountie Den" and contribute to more seating on the first floor of Manser Dining Hall. Construction will continue into the summer and it is expected

to be completed before the end of the summer so that the new food court will be fully operational for the Fall 2003 semester.

The renovation of Grant Science Center started near the beginning of the spring semester and is expected to be completed before the end of the summer. Renovations include a new roof and a better air handling system for the multiple number of laboratories located in the building.

"There will be a lot of activity [this summer] and it will be very visible with the renovations to Manser and Laurel," Stephen Bronn, Vice President for Administration and Finance, said. "By the end of the summer things will get put back together and the campus will be operational for the fall semester."

One of the other projects that the university has planned is the construction of a commuter/event parking lot at the top of the hill where the present picnic area is. This new lot

will be used for commuters during the day and will be used for events at Steadman Theatre and Decker Gymnasium at night.

Another project that will be taken on by the Borough of Mansfield for this summer involves the repaving of North and South Academy Streets.

The borough will be ripping up the road and repaving and curbing them. This should be completed by the end of the summer in time for the start of the fall semester.

The university is going to be pretty busy this summer with all of the construction going on. There is still more on the horizon with the renovation of Pinecrest Manor coming up in the Fall 2004 semester. Another project involves the possibility of student apartments that

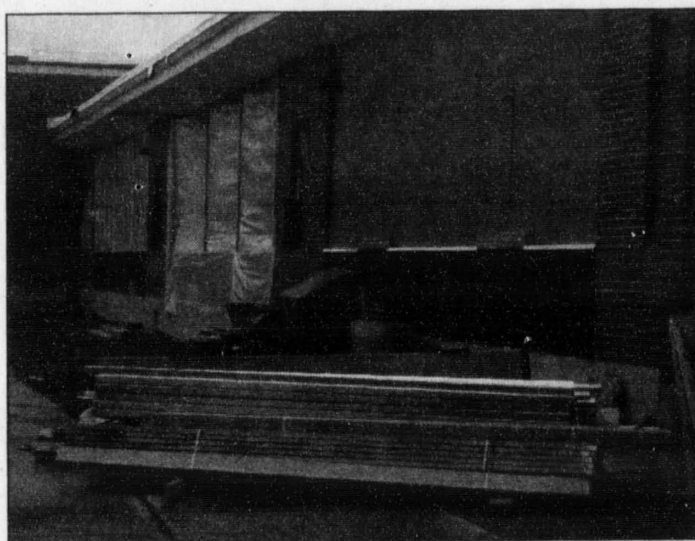


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The Sky Ranch Grill will occupy this space in Manser

will be convenient to campus for 250 students. This project is already in the beginning stages and students might find a survey in their mailboxes soon regarding their needs and ideas of student apartments.

More plans for construction in the upcoming years are in the works. The buildings that the university is planning to renovate are South Hall, Allen Hall, Decker Gymnasium and Butler Center.



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Grant Science Center will be completed this summer

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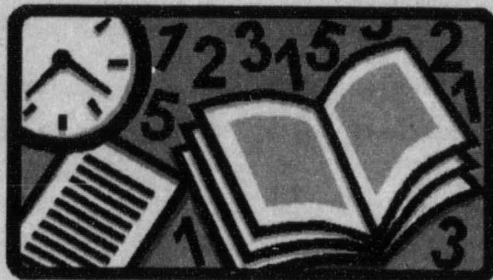
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Movie Review: Bulletproof Monk

By ANDRE BENNETT
Flashlight Writer

I love movies. I always have loved movies, and I will always have a place in my heart for motion pictures. However, with every new film being released every week, I find myself drifting deeper into a state of depression as I reflect upon the state of the motion picture industry today. Sure, there are good movies, and there are some truly great movies, but many films in the latter category will never see the sort of widespread release that is reserved for films of lesser quality. To speak plainly, the powers that be will always market crap for mass audiences, while the truly original features find their greatest recognition on video and DVD.

I say "truly original" instead of "truly great," because who is to say what constitutes good and bad? Some people prefer films that challenge their minds, while others prefer movies that challenge their hearts. Still, there are others who prefer movies that are simply fun to watch, and I won't begrudge anyone their right to enjoy a film just for enjoyment's sake. I will, however, begrudge filmmakers who parade lackluster feature after lackluster feature into our nation's multiplexes and expect the audience to have fun simply because there is an ample amount of explosions, gun-fights and wire-powered kung fu contained within. What about movies that are genuinely thrilling, with actors who share a chemistry from which no viewer can turn away and a story that never fails to make sense? What about movies that live up to their hype, containing sights and situations that have never been seen before, or at least present the old in such a light that we see something new, rather than just receiving a new coat of paint that wears off in an hour?

There are filmmakers who aspire to go that extra mile. The Wachowski brothers took story and stylistic elements and from different films to create *The Matrix*, but looked to create dazzling visuals that have been imitated ever since. Ang Lee took the wuxia traditions of martial arts filmmaking, but endeavored to create a more beautiful action film, the cinematic equivalent of poetry. Hence, we

have *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon*. And finally, we come to *Bulletproof Monk*, featuring *Crouching Tiger* star Chow Yun-Fat as a monk with no name protecting a sacred scroll from Nazis.

Wow, Nazis. How long has it been since a major action film has used Nazis? I honestly haven't seen Nazis in an action-adventure since Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade, or the insufferably horrible Captain America. Okay, so that isn't something you see every day.

Okay, where was I?

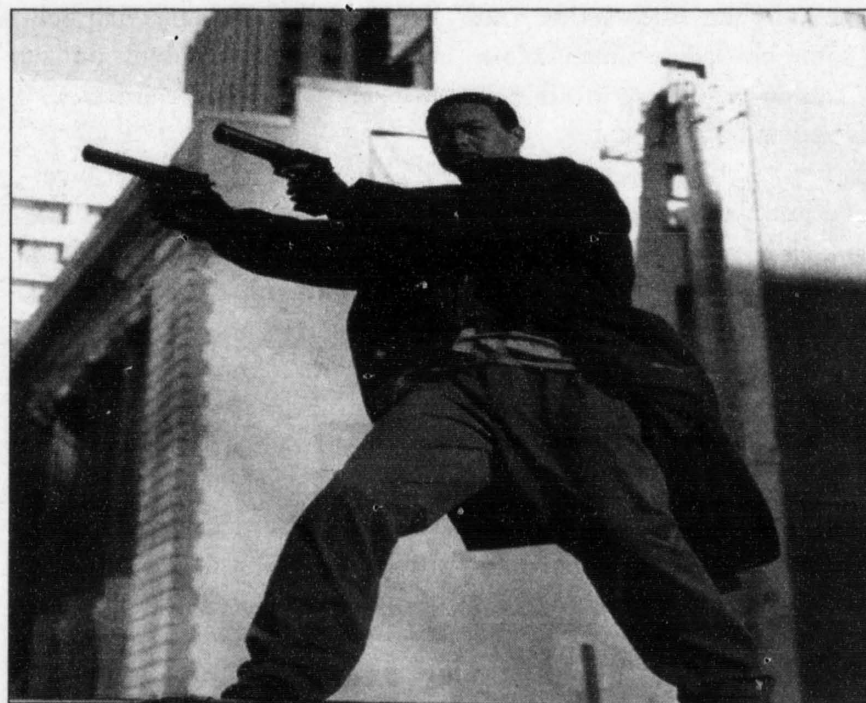
Chow Yun-Fat plays an unnamed Tibetan Buddhist monk who, sixty years earlier, was entrusted with a sacred scroll that grants its bearer ultimate power and eternal youth. Right after the ceremony, Nazis attacked the temple and killed just about all of the monks, except for our bulletproof hero, who went into hiding, while secretly performing rescues and miracles in his travels. In the present day, he meets a pick-pocket named Kar (Seann William Scott), whom he believes has the potential to become his successor. Kar is an interesting character; in a movie where everyone knows martial arts, Kar developed his fighting skills while watching martial arts movies. Thankfully, the film explains that particular detail. Kar and his new ally Bad Girl (model James King, credited as Jaime King) have to aid the monk when his pursuers, led by the Nazi officer Strucker, who slaughtered his brethren sixty years earlier, close in.

Sounds good, doesn't it? Well, for the most part, it's entertaining, and fun to watch, although I hesitate to call it "good." It has its high points, however.

First of all, Chow Yun-Fat displays affability and extreme likeability in this film that is hard to top. Even as most of his dialogue consists of the sort of "fortune-cookie philosophy" that gets tiring after a while, I never tired of the

character. That says a lot for Chow, but it's easy to see why he's so engaging. If you've seen his earlier films, especially his classic collaborations with director John Woo (a producer on this film), then you

well...there. They're not really the kind of characters that seem to "live," and this is probably because their performers are simply adequate, without actually giving them much depth. King is alright, and



Chow Yun-Fat stars along side of Seann William Scott and James King.



appropriately sexy enough, but she and Scott don't seem to generate sparks. The villains, on the other hand, are just there to be villains. There's nothing special about the supporting cast, with the possible exception of Mako as Kar's boss and landlord, Mr. Kojima. He's good at playing an irascible old man, and is a joy to watch.

The rest of the movie-the special effects, the screenplay, everything-is nothing you haven't seen before. Sure, director Paul Hunter, with writers Cyrus Voris and Ethan Reiff, try to add interesting touches, such as-well, Nazis, and other hidden twists about the characters. Why is Bad Girl so knowledgeable for a street fighter? Oh, it's explained.

Plot twists, however, come without warning. Revelations about characters and changes in alliance are executed with little foreshadowing. Some parts of the film, such as the monk's origin and Strucker's modern-day torture machines, seem too cartoonish even for this film. At those points, I would recall that *Bulletproof Monk* is based on an independent comic book. The logic of most comic book films is unique in its absurdity, and I won't question it.

The special effects consist mainly

of wires and "Bullet Time" (the process pioneered in *The Matrix*). The fight scenes are enjoyable to watch, but unimpressive compared to-hell, the trailers for *The Matrix Reloaded* put *Bulletproof Monk*'s fights to shame. I'm not saying they're really boring, but I'm not saying they aren't just a little rote and predictable.

Hell, even the story screams "*Matrix* rip-off." Kar and the monk's mentor/trainee relationship mimics Neo and Morpheus' partnership. The monk tells Kar in one scene, "If you truly believe the laws of gravity don't exist, then they don't." I wonder a lot as to whether or not the comic book predates *The Matrix*.

I know I'm being harsh on this flick, and it isn't entirely deserving of my derision. *Bulletproof Monk* isn't perfect, or is it very original, but the creative touches it does employ, as well as Chow and Scott's performances, give the film a goofy charm. I'm pretty sure it's destined for an extended life on video.

However, at this point, I've had it with action movies today. I've had it with the instant sequel mentality, and I've had it with the overabundance of comic book adaptations. I've had it with the lack of overall creativity in Hollywood today, and I'm tired of the watering down of truly interesting ideas just so test audiences can be happy. I've had it and I'm done. I quit. I should stop watching so many movies and just read a book.

In actuality, this is my last review for *The Flashlight*, as this is my last semester at Mansfield University. Thank you for reading and enjoying my rants and reviews for the last year and a half, as I have enjoyed contributing very much. My thanks also go to the staff and editorial board of *The Flashlight* for their hard work and dedication, as well as their faith in my ability to hand something in every week.

Thanks again, and remember, while motion pictures can by turns artistic and incredibly commercial, their purpose has been to entertain you, the moviegoer, since their inception. It is the movies that touch us and influence our perceptions of the world around us. Such a medium should never be taken for granted.

Random Ramblings

By RACHEL ADAMS ☆
& COREY MEOLA ☆

Flashlight News Editor and
Flashlight Copy Editor

★ Commercial Rant of the Week: That Ford Focus commercial where the girl is getting a tattoo and the guy is asking her what her boyfriend's going to think. First of all, I've heard of allowing your car to be plastered with ads and getting paid for it, but whoring out your body to the ad gods? Not so much. Secondly, who cares what her boyfriend would think? Girl Power! Thirdly, why would you go through all that pain (yeah, getting a tattoo on your back HURTS) to get a Ford Focus indelibly inked into your skin? Maybe someone somewhere gets this commercial, but not me.

☞ My parents made us go to church again on Sunday but this time, because of what happened at Christmas time, they separated us. We found this extremely unfair, but since we were in different pews and I was stuck sitting next to some old lady I didn't know, we couldn't cause any trouble. It was very sad.

★ I'd just like to take a minute to thank all of you who are such avid fans of this column. When I started "Random Ramblings," I really didn't expect it to take off as well as it did. I appreciate everyone who stops me on campus and tells me how much they enjoy our "brain droppings," and I especially like it when some complete stranger comes up to me yelling, "YES! I

HATE THAT COMMERCIAL TOO!" You all add a pinch of color to my life, and I thank you for it!

☞ Keep an eye out for the Michelin commercial for the SUV tires with the Michelin Man bobble head thing. The look on the Michelin Man's face is priceless.

☞ I hate the end of the semester. Most people love it, but I hate it because I have to pack up all my stuff and move home and, to me, the worst thing ever is having to move your stuff around. Even worse for me is that I'm moving out of an apartment so I have even more stuff to haul home. I can't wait until I will be staying in one place for longer than a year.

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1993 - A lone gunman shot and killed Lalith Athulathmudali, a prominent Sri Lankan opposition leader, at an election rally outside the capital Colombo.

1995 - Hideo Murai, No. 2 official in the Aum Shinri Kyo sect accused of involvement in various gas attacks in Tokyo, was assassinated outside the sect's headquarters.

1996 - Former Australian Labor Prime Minister Paul Keating resigned from parliament, ending a political career of 27 years.

1996 - A Bronx civil-court jury ordered Bernhard Goetz to pay \$43 million to paralyzed Darrell Cabey, one of four young men he shot on a subway car in 1984.

1997 - The presidents of Russia and China signed a declaration opposing the domination of one superpower in the post-Cold War world.

GEEKculture

By TODD BAILEY
Flashlight Writer

• George Lucas is about one week away from finishing the first draft of *EPISODE III*!!!! May the force be with us all!

• MAY I HAVE YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE: Calling all mullets! We at GEEKculture regret to inform you that you are "officially" out of style now, please return to 1970. No one will laugh at you there. Thank you.

• Well GEEKlets, this is the semester's final edition of GEEKculture thus forcing me to cram much needed info for you to survive the Cinema hell this summer. Follow it carefully!

• Next Friday, May 2, be sure to catch X2. Should be a fun ride.

• Alicia Silverstone has found work again. Her latest role will be in the upcoming Scooby sequel. Waste of money if you ask me, the first Scooby was a disappointment.

• If you want to catch a look at the new Spidey costume, go to the official website, they just put up some snapshots that were taken over the weekend during the filming. The costume looks sweeter than the first.

• *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets* made some big bucks on DVD/VHS sales. It sold six million units in the first day alone! That translates to \$108 million bucks in that one day!

• The new poster for the *Tomb Raider* sequel was posted on its official website. All I can say about that is HOLY LARA!

• Shameless plug: www.tizoddproductions.com

GEEK's random quote of the week:

"What did you expect, yellow spandex?"

-Scott Summers (Cyclops)

X-Men

In the Summer GEEKlight: *X2*, *The Hulk*, *The Matrix Reloaded*, *Tomb Raider: Cradle of Life*, *Pirates of the Caribbean*, *Finding Nemo*, *Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines*, *Bad Boys 2*, & *Daddy Daycare*

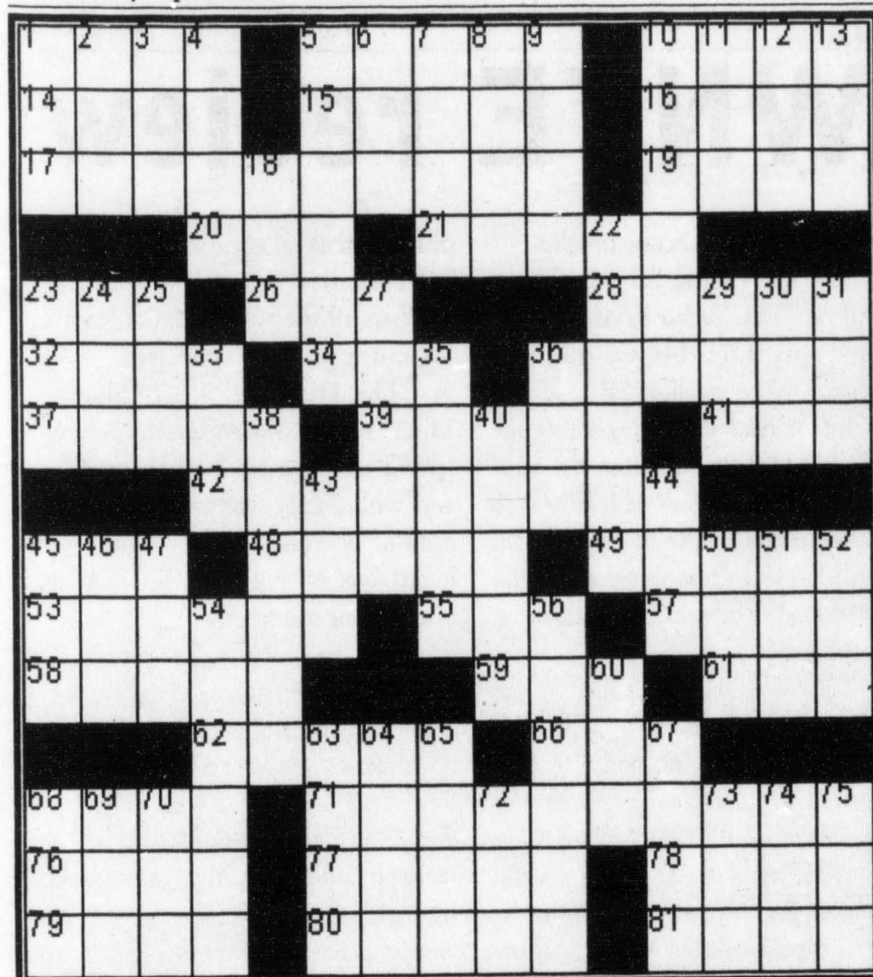


★ I just want to say that you students suck because you didn't go see MC Paul Barman for free. I mean, it cost nothing, and I know you weren't doing anything except staring at the tv or your computer screen. Woo. It's apparently better to talk on IM than it is to be entertained by some decent bands and a cool rapper. All you people that dare to complain about this school and how there's nothing to do all suck because you didn't show up. All you people that bitch about not having a rap artist come to school suck because a major label guy was here. He worked with Deltron 3030 (Del the Funky Homosapien), Prince Paul and other hip people. All you local bands that nag nag nag about people not attending your shows all super suck because you didn't even show up to support a local band, Sulk, who rock super hard. Yeah, and you wonder why there's hardly anything to do here because you people don't even attend anything when it's offered. For free, even.

★ Andrew W.K.'s next album should be out in August or September, so someone should buy it for me for my birthday.

★ Last time I checked bands were still making albums and Hollywood was still making movies, but lately I've lost all interest. I would blame it on apathy, but that's too easy, just like it's too easy to blame MTV. MTV does suck, that much is true, but I can easily avoid that, but the state of pop culture today needs a total upheaval. Everything has turned into polar extremes: love MTV or hate MTV; punk raaawk or sellout loser; easily influenced by cheesy pop culture or so cynical nothing can have appeal. It seems as if the greatest goal of pop culture is to make sure things have definition so that we, as consumers, can readily identify with those things that make us say "That's so me." I'm not asking for neutrality, that lacks balls. I'm just wondering why there has become such a desperate need to seclude ourselves into a style. Underground bands dig even further underground so that they don't have to deal with the term "sellout." Fans have to work harder at finding "real" music, unless, of course, they are yuppie idiots who only listen to pop music because, well, that's not real music. I have to say that because I have established myself as a fan of "indie" music, and I would lose my indie fanclub membership if I didn't say that. I know that there are a lot of bands I can't stand, a lot of styles that I find annoying, but I do not demand that they don't exist, at least I hope not. If they didn't, what would I have to bitch about? Everyone should feel free to listen to whatever crap they want and not feel like they have to define themselves by it or feel like they have to defend their "scene." Anyway, the whole reason for this rambling is to say I don't think a lot of good music is being thrown to the forefront of our culture these days, but I think that's because what I think is good music has turned so elitist that it refuses to grow out of that and it all irritates me. If these cubicles of music categories didn't exist, then we wouldn't have to worry about all this "scene" crap. But, I still think Audioslave sucks.

Flashlight meeting tonight
at 5 p.m. Be there!



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- 1 Request from dentist
5 Talk much, say little
10 Superlative amount
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15 Drill
16 Long song, perhaps by Verdi
17 Husky school?
19 Edge of a British road
20 Catch as butterfly
21 Overact
23 Quagmire
26 Spare hair
28 Atmospheres

- 32 Follow orders
34 Pipe elbow
36 Red Sox referee
37 Rice dish
39 Heart conduit
41 Fetch
42 Mountie institute?
45 Utmost degree
48 Doesn't wear out
49 Weird
53 In truth
55 Si or oui
57 Function
58 Brief appearance
59 Cashew or pecan
61 Apiary resident
62 Snow White companion
66 Enemy
68 Start and Stripes
71 Vulcan academy?
76 What Captain should do on her mystery ship
77 Sister's daughter
78 Tear
79 Skunk feature
80 Church official
81 Put in the mail
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1 Globe
2 Buddy

- 3 The real you
4 Sign gas
5 Stripper feature
6 Attempt to call forth the genie
7 Fits of fever and chills
8 Semester
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10 Theatrical pancake
11 Mine stuff
12 To ____, with Love
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18 Cat cry
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23 Dance or hit
24 Japanese sash
25 Come together
27 Tumbler
29 Prepare a parachute
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31 Egyptian god of chaos
33 Sweet potato
35 High, as goals
36 Western Native American
38 Uncultivated
40 Gotten up
43 French UN vote re Iraq
44 Morning dampness
45 AEC today
46 Boston party beverage

- 47 Salted pig butt
50 Take money at gunpoint
51 Anger
52 Supplement with great effort
54 Accountant's book
56 Bear pain
60 Also
63 Pimple
64 Iron horse track
65 Left the scene, in a hurry
67 Does things incorrectly
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69 Cover
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72 Frozen water
73 Born
74 Holiday hotel
75 Combine to find a sum

Puzzle by DAN MASON

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Submit completed crosswords to the Flashlight Office (2M Alumni Hall) by the following Monday after publication. A random drawing will be held each week, and the winner will receive a \$5 gift certificate to the bookstore.

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By THERESA BENNER

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with Boys
7:30 p.m. - Jackass
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10 p.m. - Pay It
Forward
12:30 a.m. - White
Oleander

Saturday

- 5 p.m. - Pay It Forward
7:30 -White Oleander
10 p.m. - Riding in
Cars with Boys
12:30 a.m. - Jackass
The Movie

Friday

- 5 p.m. - Jackass The
Movie
7:30 p.m. - Pay It
Forward
10 p.m. - White
Oleander
12:30 a.m. - Riding in

Sunday

- 5 p.m. - White
Oleander
7:30 p.m. - Riding in
Cars With Boys
10 p.m. - Jackass The
Movie
12:30 a.m. - Pay It
Forward

If you have any selection suggestions and/or comments, please sent them to megglest@mnsfld.edu.
Your feedback is important to us. Enjoy the movies!

Radio Vertigo: Weekly WNTE review

By LOREN CARPENTER

Flashlight Writer

Hi everyone, and welcome to this special and final issue of column. I figured, instead of just doing the normal review thing, that I would go a different route for the last *Flashlight* of the year, and recognize some of the great talent at WNTE.

But before I get to the juicy stuff, I just wanted to take a moment to thank Features Editor, Theresa Benner. After a slight misunderstanding earlier this semester between us, which led to a delay in my column being published, we were able to get on the same page if ya will, and develop a steady working relationship. She has been more than professional and courteous and I have her to thank for always fixing all of my grammatical errors or risque content and being so understanding and helpful with any issues that arose. So Theresa, "thank you!"

Now, just to throw up a little disclaimer before I begin, these awards are based on what I have heard, not what I haven't. So I apologize ahead of time to anyone who feels they may have been slighted. There are several shows that I have never had an opportunity to listen due to classes or other engagements. I wish I could sit down and listen to every show at WNTE, but it just isn't possible all at once. But there are a few mentions in here of shows I have never reviewed but have heard casually, so I saw it only fitting to include them if they merited it. Thanks for reading and see ya next semester. Here are the awards...(in my very humble opinion).

Top 10 DJ's

10. Andre Bennett of "Earphoria"- always does a great job with blending music and talk.
9. Rich Stankiewicz of "The Dick and Peters Show"-his roles as sidekick and retard maybe shortlived as he has all the potential in the world of having a breakout year in 2003-04!
8. Peter "Nebz" Nebsydski of "Primetime with Nebz" and "The Climax II"- a fixture behind the microphone; technically sound; possesses all the intangibles a veteran like himself should have.
7. Mike Whittemore of "3 Idiots and a Microphone"- Very personable and great on-air presence. He

is no "idiot" in my eyes but if that term is a good thing on the show, than he is the most "turbuloso idiot of them all"! Cowabunga Mike!!!

6. Chris Flagg of

"Earphoria"- this man is a real gem; a true diamond in the rough. He has "it"! I see "star" written all over this guy!!!

5. Kelly Ann Murray of "Kelly and Heidi"- first discovered by yours truly as "the mystery girl", this freshman has all the ingredients to be a mainstay at 89.5 for years to come! Great personality and great music and talk when she is on the air!

4. Brandon Navrocki of "The Radio Playback"- I never got a chance to review the show, but I have heard it many times, and DJ Entrigue has a great on air presence and has all the tools to keep it going. True professional, should make a good boss!

3. Nick Morales of "The Climax"- every bosses nightmare!!! But in 2003, no one stoked more interest and got more people talking, than "The Polish Penetrator" himself. Great on-air voice and presence who is quick whitted on the mic and kept the show moving full speed ahead...quality radio in my humble opinion, even if it did offend some.

2. TJ Hower of "Overdrive"- Unlimited potential in The Mystery Man. I sometimes forget I'm listening to college radio sometimes when he's doing his thing. Blends the music, the gab, and all the other goodies like the pro's! Take notes on this cat, folks!

1. Mike Peters of "The Dick and Peters Show", "The Late Night Punk Show", and "The Slick Willy Experience"(whew...am I missing any Mike?)- yes you counted right, 3 separate shows for this work-aholic. Mike is a consummate showman, who's passion for music and radio as a whole here at MU, has put this man ahead of the rest in my eyes. And he'll only get better(and probably do more shows too if he's allowed). He might not be half as

insane as yours truly or half as perverted as Tricky Nick, but the self-proclaimed "King of Punk" loves gettin in there and gettin his hands dirty down at the ol G-Spot! Keep on slammin' my man!!!

Honorable mention: Jake Burke, Loren Carpenter(c'mon i deserve at least a shout), Hot Paul Culbertson, Jackie Salerno, Shane Wilbur, and Ryan Yurkiewicz.

Top 10 Shows

10. "Earphoria"- Frankie Thirteen and Kefka were an interesting adventure in themselves, and Andre

you will be missed my friend. I'm ready to take his spot Kefka!

9. "The Radio Playback"- Headed by DJ's Entrigue and Shoelace, always an upbeat and fast-paced show with the rapper duels and cool giveaways, a nice job indeed.

8. "The Lost in Thought Session"- Crey had my ears not only because she preceded me on Saturday nights, but because the inspiration of her show was this boy's number one passion in life...PRO WRESTLING BABY!!!

Theme shows usually don't fly too well with me, but she would keep it mixed up just enough to snag even the most casual of listeners.

7. "Keepin' It Real"- Jackie and the girls always spun the hits and talked the talk, making the show a very nice show to just chill out to each and every Sunday night!

6. "Primetime with Nebz"- For awhile was "The Climax II" feeding off the success of the mothership, Nebz always holds it down, with a good mix of music and talk. Mike the CG(Condom Guy that is) was a standout memory this year!

5. "The Dick and Peters Show"- the kings of late night, Rich Stankiewicz and Mike Peters made this show a fixture for all of us night owls out there. Despite the late hour and apparent lack of listeners, the show was always fast-paced and upbeat for nyone listening, with or without "The Bearded Clam" present.

4. "Overdrive"- PRO-FESSIONAL I MUST CON-FESSIONAL..hey I can rap too JayMac! Though you'd never hear any of that on this little

outfit. Tune in to this one people!

3. "TSS: Heel"- the Saturday night brand of "The Sycho Sylum" headed by yours truly, this was the most "Vicious" show in all of MU radio! If ya want to hear the bad guys of the world go nuts, tune in. From the birth of "Fast and the Furious" with Wheels to the resurrection of the notorious "Did You Know" list, it was always a splendid time, just ask the good folks down at Marks Brothers!

2. "TSS: FACE IS ECAF"- the Wednesday brand of the 'Sylum...where it all began many moons ago...we continue to usher in a new era in MU radio. This is the show that put "crash radio" on the map, but it would be nothing without all the wonderful and "psychotic" people, past and present, who have made this show what it is today, and where it will continue to go next season!!!

1. "The Climax"- a name that I coined, Nick Morales took this show and its listeners to that sacred nirvana, the promised land so to speak, making it "the" top show of 2002-03. Those Thursday nights left me with memories to last me a lifetime, and the show truly did, even if prematurely, go out with a BANG(almost literally)!

Honorable mention: 3 Idiots and a Microphone, The Canton Connection, Los Gringos Le Hot Lunch, Mike and the Mystery Girl, and Yeti and The Fatman Show.

Top 10 Shows(Music)

10. "Los Gringos Le Hot Lunch"- a whole lot of hair metal, but they were not only the choice cuts, but Marty Van Halen pulled out the lost deep cuts as well.

9. "Overdrive"- again sticking to one genre mostly, but you will hear the best in loud rock!

8. "The Time Machine"- Amy Hall, our esteemed classic rock director, churned out the oldies but did a good job of mixing things up and throwing a curve ball at ya once in awhile. Good tunes!

7. "The Lost in Thought Session"- Crey spun great wrestling themes, as was the theme of her show and is great music in itself, but she also played lots of good variety as well.

6. "Earphoria"- Andre and Chris might be the Lone Ranger and Tonto of RPM, but they hit not

only on that stuff, but alot of other great rarities too, while spinning the hits all the while! Andre knows his music...most impressive.

5. "The Dick and Peters Show"- Mike is well versed in the art of "punk", but he can swing if need be and with Dick there too spice things up(and occasionally the 'Clam) you heard lots of sweet sounds coming out of your speakers!

4. "Keepin' It Real"- These girls are the queens of variety, and always had a lot of people tuned for a Sunday night show. Spun hit after hit!

3. "The Climax"- this was the aspect of the show that many seemed to forget, the great tunes they played. Many of the songs Nick would play, I had to run right out and get. Nothing beat the "Horny" theme! Plus Nick is a seasoned U2 fan, which always gets my respect!!!

2. "TSS: FACE IS ECAF"- I apologize now if it seems like I'm tooting my own horn a bit much here, but I think I need to give credit where credits due, and I deserve the credit here dudes! It's all about variety man, and if your stuck in one genre, or a few, than your missing out big-time!!! There really is something for everyone in every kind of music. I've played every genre of music that exists at one time or another on my show, I'm certain. Hell I've played genre's of music that haven't even been invented yet!!!

1. "TSS: Heel"- This is where the Saturday show out did the Wednesday one. Without the rotation constraints, we always had more of a chance to break out the great stuff, but sadly, there is only so much you can play in 2 short hours. Music is the backbone of the show, and it's the backbone of my life. Without music, hell, we'd all be paralyzed from the ears down!

Honorable mention: 3 Idiots and a Microphone, Late Night Wit Da Ladies, Naughty 'N Nice, The Rowdy Girls, and Theresa and Dylan.

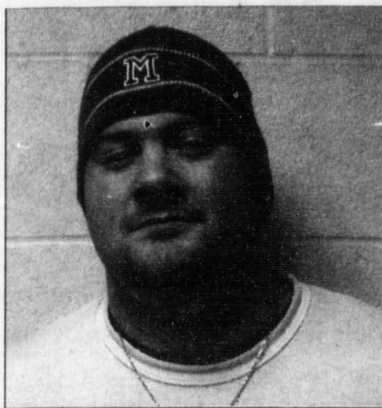
Miscellaneous Awards

Most Poignant Moment of the Year- when James Shappel announced the start of the war in Iraq on his show and called for a moment of silence for our American troops.

Top Moment of the Year- the first ever "Mighty Moan-Off" as heard on The Climax.

Campus Voices

Question:What is your favorite Mansfield memory?



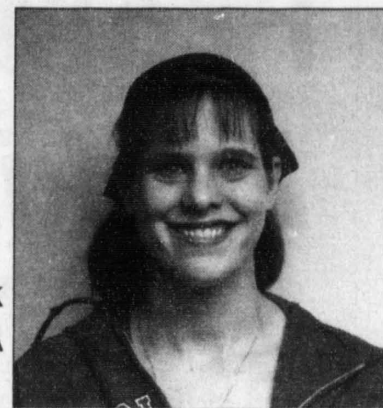
"The campus atmosphere. It's always been laid back and friendly, all twelve years I've been here."

Nick Parlanti
Scranton, PA



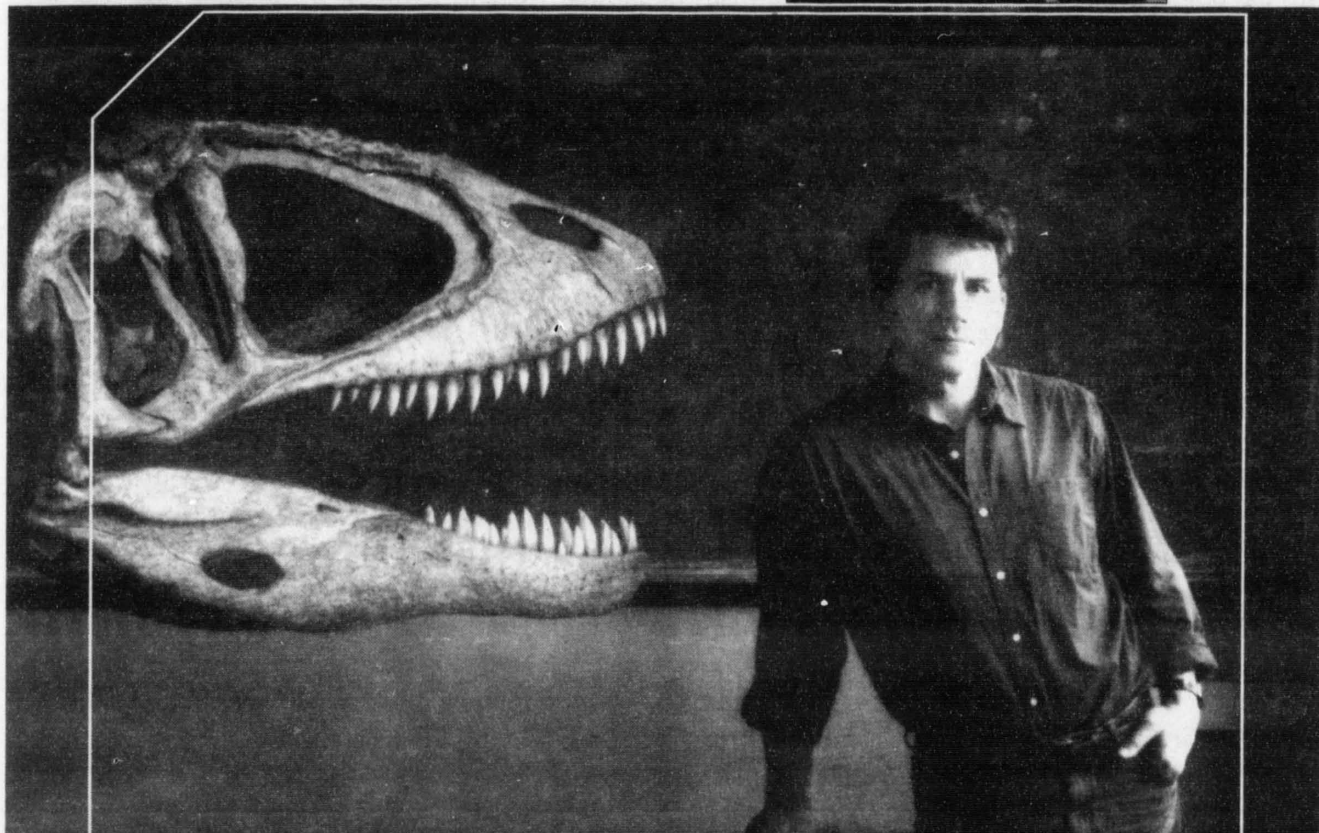
"I went to Russia twice. Also, the cabin parties."

Rebeka Fisk
Susquehanna, PA



"Being part of the radio station. It's the best decision I ever made."

Echo Scherer
Millerton, PA



Paleontologist Paul Sereno has encountered some of the weirdest creatures that ever walked the earth. Yet some of the scariest things he's discovered aren't likely to become extinct anytime soon. Sad to say, mutual fund management fees will probably outlast us all. That's why Dr. Sereno **was afraid of getting eaten alive.** So he turned to a company famous for keeping the costs down. That meant more money for him and less for the monsters.

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OPINION & EDITORIAL

From the Editor's Desk: *Looking toward a bright future*

By DYLAN BRUCIE
Flashlight Editor-in-Chief

Another year is coming to a close. I can't speak for everyone, but every year seems to go by faster than the last. This has been a great year that I'll remember as long as I live (or at least until my mind goes, which hopefully won't be for at least a couple more years.)

Being editor-in-chief of the Flashlight has been a great experience, but I won't be returning next year. I leave the paper in the very capable hands of Rachel Adams and the rest of an incredibly talented staff.

I met Rachel Adams (future editor-in-chief) over a year ago and she quickly became one of my closest friends at Mansfield. To say that she is an incredibly kind and talented person doesn't come close to doing her justice. I know she'll be a great editor-in-chief.

I have always considered Jenn Nelson (future associate editor) one of the most talented and professional members of the Flashlight staff. She has a great sense of humor, but knows when to get down to work. I know she's going to do great in the future.

When Theresa Benner (features editor) first started at the Flashlight, she was always someone I could count on to go above and beyond what was asked of her. This has never changed. She's going to go very far in the world and I'm very proud to call her one of my close friends.

I started at the Flashlight the same semester as Greg Pellegrino (sports co-editor) and he's always been a great person to have around the office.

Not only does he work hard at his job, but he's always working hard to keep the office attitude light and make people laugh. I have no doubt that he'll be successful in the future.

Hands down, the hardest working member of the staff this year has been Steve Janoski (production manager/web editor). When Steve joined the paper, he was just supposed to be handling the website, but by the end of the year, he was working on everything from finances to technology. He's one of the most gifted people I have ever met in my life and I have no doubt he'll be very successful.

One of the first things I did as editor-in-chief of the Flashlight was get to know Lexi Beckel (advertising manager), and it was one of the most enjoyable. Lexi is a hard worker and a very caring person. She came into the paper with no official system for doing things, but overcame that obstacle with grace. She was an excellent addition to the staff and will continue to be successful in the future.

Dan Mason (advisor) started this year and had to deal with controversy almost from the beginning. Whenever someone was upset about the Flashlight, he would hear about it. In spite of this, he still let us do our own thing, and I think he's a great person for doing that. It takes a patient and understanding person to be able to do something like this. Thanks for being a good sport and a great guy Mr. Mason.

All incoming staff members are going to be working with an incredible group of people. I'll miss it, but everyone needs to move on eventually.

I hope everyone does well on finals and has a great summer. Good luck to everyone in the future.

Letter to the editor: *A bad way to start the day*

Dear Editor -

Every morning I start out with the same routine. I wake up, crawl out of bed, and manage to make my way to the bathroom. Despite how groggy I am, I always manage to become wide awake with repulsion as soon as I take a step into what should be the cleanest room on the floor.

It all started when I lived in Maple B residence hall in fall of 2001. At first it wasn't too bad, the showers were indeed a little dirty with a few stray hairs here and there, but it didn't completely revolt me every morning when I showered. That was before the shower curtains started to mildew. After the first month of school was over, the showers had mildew spots all over them. I was beginning to wonder when these curtains would be cleaned. Then, I noticed every other week there were new curtains, but these curtains were just as mildew-ridden as the ones the week before. The shower curtains were not being cleaned, but rotated between the floors. Not only that, but the curtains were being ripped off the rings so some curtains were barely hanging.

After moving out of Maple B, and moving into Laurel A, I thought maybe a change would be coming about. Laurel, at the time, seemed to be a much cleaner dorm, and the cleaning staff seemed to take great caution into cleaning our bathrooms. Yet again, I was wrong.

Again, after the first month of school, I noticed the edges of the floor in the showers were accumulating mildew deposits of about an inch in

width (they continued to grow each day) and the soap dishes were practically unusable because of their rust and mildew deposits. Flies buzzed inside the shower stalls constantly, which wasn't so bad, I even named one of them Fred. But Fred's fate was like many of the other flies in the shower stalls, to be smashed against the wall by some disgruntled bather early in the morning. Fred's carcass was smeared against the shower wall for a week before I finally rinsed him down the drain. Even now I hear people on my floor talking about how many flies they killed during their shower that morning.

While on the subject of insects, every now and again our bathroom became home to a bunch of small worm-like bugs that would come to visit us through our drain in the middle of the bathroom and sometimes through the drains in the showers as well. Our bathroom was turning into a biology lab! It was completely disgusting. The girls on my floor and I realized that these things sometimes happen and we made the situation known to our RA, who then filed a cleaning report and talked to our ADRL about the situation. Was anything done about it? Nope. The girls on my floor and I waited patiently for someone to take care of the problem (it's hard not to notice hundreds of tiny worms crawling out of the drain in the middle of the floor or in a shower) but about a week later we realized that no such thing was going to happen.

See "BATHROOMS," p. 13

Letter to the editor: Response to Radio Vertigo

To whom it may concern:

I'm writing in reference to the Radio Vertigo Column in this week's issue (April 9, 2003). I noticed that you put in a disclaimer that the opinions in that article were not necessarily the opinions of the Flashlight. There should also have been a disclaimer for WNTV. Mr. Carpenter is free to express his opinions but as a board member for WNTV I believe that the station has been misrepresented.

Although I can understand the outrage Mr. Carpenter and Mr. Morales may feel, not all of the facts were presented in this article. I don't believe that it is fair to represent the station in a bad light when some of its goings on are not for the public. We had an internal relations problem that we struggled for several weeks to solve. As a board we reached a consensus on the action to be taken that would be

the best for the station. Most of us came to this decision after a lot of distress because of the asset Mr. Morales has been to the station.

However, we believe that our actions only bettered the station. We are in the process of trying to make the station better, to meet higher standards, and to be a more productive resource for students in the field of broadcasting.

Unfortunately Mr. Morales' show didn't comply with federal or station regulations. I personally am very sorry that there were hurt feelings in this matter. But I also stand by the station and believe that we made the best decision to promote the station's success and its value to Mansfield University, and the surrounding community.

Echo E. Scherer
Business Manager WNTV

Politics and Opinion: The future of SGA

By CHRISTOPHER SHADLE

Flashlight Writer

Congratulations to Jeff Howe and Brett Carpenter who are the newly elected president and vice-president of Student Government Association. I would also be remiss, if I did not congratulate the lucky 20 students who won a Senatorial seat for the upcoming academic year. Also, on behalf of all the student senators, I would like to thank outgoing president Maria Trego for your tireless dedication to this organization. You have truly set the standard for outstanding student service...I do not envy your replacement...good luck Jeff.

So here we are at the end of yet another school year. I find it hard to believe that this semester is almost over. However, I welcome the end of the semester, for the wrapping up of school means the conclusion (hopefully) of snow! Although you never know, because we have been known to get snow in May.

We have accomplished so much and have even more work to do in the upcoming year. I would like to impress upon all the readers out there, how truly dedicated to this university your Student Government Association is. The work can sometimes be mundane and boring. A good example of this is SGA's weekly meeting, which took place last Monday. We ended up leaving Alumni Hall around 11:15 p.m., having worked through several of our constitutional revisions in addition to tackling some of the normal business that comes across our desks each week.

My point is, that sometimes when you do a job, you do not get recognition for it. This is the price of leadership. And please do not be mistaken. We are not looking for applause; rather we ask that you remember that you have a great group of senators, faculty and administrative advisers who work tirelessly on your behalf, and to be aware that in order for us to govern effectively, we need input from the student body. Thank-you to all the students, faculty, and administration for making this year a truly memorable one for Mansfield's Student Government Association. Have a great, safe summer and we look forward to working with everyone in the upcoming months!

BATHROOMS (cont.)

"The quality of cleaning has been sporadic throughout the year: some days it's great, others, most of us don't want to step foot into the bathrooms" said Jenn Glenny, RA on Laurel 3A.

My floor gathered together one afternoon to discuss the bathroom situation. We told our RA of our concerns and she made it known to Laurel Hall Council a second time. I was really happy to think that this was finally going to be taken care of.

Again, for the third time, I was wrong.

After writing cleaning reports and complaining to Hall Council, months later I still see the shower stalls laden with mildew, rust, and smashed bug carcasses. The smaller sinks, mirrors, and toilets get cleaned out on a regular basis, which I guess is better than nothing, but I would hope that my tuition payment of nearly \$12,000 a year would be enough to include a clean shower.

-Amy Hall

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Flashlight Sports Awards 2002/2003



Male Athlete of the Year: Brett Longpre'

He has led the men's basketball team for three straight years in scoring and rebounding.

Female Athlete of the Year: Charity Learn

She has broken many school records in both cross country and track; Learn has made a recognizable name in the PSAC.

Outstanding Leadership: Josh Rearick

Seeing more playing time this season, Josh has stepped up in the lead-off position and has been consistent at the plate and in the field for the Mounties.

Breakthrough Athlete: Danna Purnell

She had an incredible freshman season and was named as PSAC Rookie during one week of the season.

Coach of the year: Danita Fox

Fox has helped transform her swimming team as they find themselves with a young crew. Watch out for them next season.

Comeback player of the Year: Katie Houck

After an injury, she has come back and proven her talent in the PSAC.

Outstanding Freshman of the Year: Tie.

Charity Learn and Dan Yoder.

Learn participated in three sports and held her own in the classroom. Yoder is fresh out of Williamsport High School and has one of the lowest ERA's on the baseball team with the most wins.

Team of the Year: Track and Field

Michael Rohl and company have turned this team into a very impressive success story for Mansfield sports.

Athlete Quote of the Year: Brian Taylor (Track and Field) "If you give the world your best, the best will come back to you."

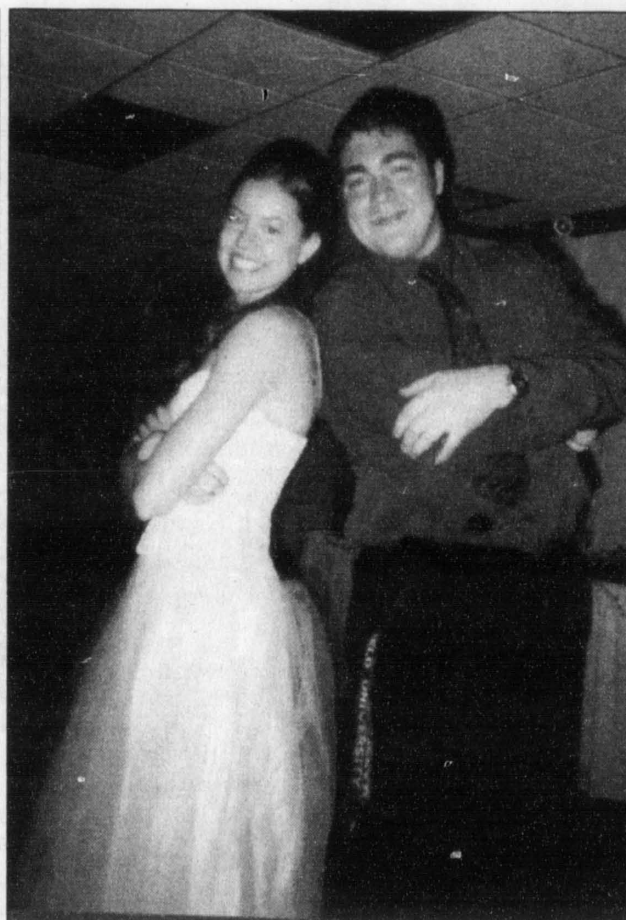
Most Memorable Moment: On April 13, Aaron Kilgo came off the bench to tie the Mounties' game with Bloomsburg in the bottom of the seventh inning 5-5. Travis Wurster then hit an RBI single to lead Mansfield to a 6-5 win.

Nick Name: Travis Wurster "Wu Wu"

From the Press Box or the stands, the chanting of "Let's go Wu" echoed throughout Shaute Field.

The Steve McCloskey Award Lynelle Mosley

She has led the women's basketball team since her debut. She holds her own in every aspect of the game. Also, Mosley has been named as an Academic All-American athlete.



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GREG --->

The *Flashlight* Sports Awards were created by the Sports Co-Editors as a way to recognize Mansfield athletes that have shown stellar performance throughout the year. These picks are solely the opinions of the Sports Co-Editors of the *Flashlight*.

(Editor's Note: **The Steve McCloskey Award** is a fictitious award created by the Sports Co-Editors as a way to recognize an athlete who has illustrated hard work and stamina in a sport and in the classroom.)

Congratulations to *all* Mansfield athletes for the 2002/2003 year.

Male Athlete of the Year: Dan Holland

Holland led the nation in tackles (141) and solo tackles (85) this season. In addition, he racked up 15.5 tackles for a loss, six sacks and recovered three fumbles.

Female Athlete of the Year: Lynelle Mosley

Mosley averaged 13.8ppg this year along with 112 assists and 62 steals which each ranked fifth in the PSAC this season.

Outstanding Leadership: Brooke Fronczkewicz

Fronczkewicz was the anchor of the defense this season and also scored four goals with three assists. She is also a four year starter who took on the role as co-captain this season.

Breakthrough Athlete: Josh Rearick

Rearick is seeing more playing time this season and is taking full advantage of it. Currently, he is hitting .345 with 10RBIs and 9 stolen bases. Along with his timely hitting, Rearick also is flashy with the glove only committing one error in 71 chances.

Coach of the Year: Vince Alexander

Coach Alexander led his Mounties to their first championship since the 1997 season.

Comeback player of the Year: Katie Houck

After taking a year off because of shoulder problems, Houck returned to the pool and helped lead the Mountie swim team.

Outstanding Freshman of the Year: Charity Learn

Learn finished the cross country season finishing no less than fifth in all her races and was named the PSAC East Rookie of the year.

Team of the Year: Women's Basketball

The Mounties finished with a 11 wins, two players reached the 1,000 point plateau, most PSAC victories since the '93/'94 season, and had the PSAC East's rookie of the year for the second straight year.

Athlete quote of the Year:

"Mansfield University is on the rise. We're going to rise to the occasion. You're going to see good things for Mansfield sports in the future."

-Coach Vince Alexander at the winter sports banquet.

Most Memorable Moment: Soccer Teams first ever win
Being able to announce the soccer teams first win the atmosphere at Myers field that day was undescrivable.

The Steve McCloskey Award Heather Long

Long is a participant of the Mountie field hockey and softball team. She was also named to the NFHCA's 2002 National Academic Squad.

Flashlight Sports Feature: The MAL - One Last Time

By JENNIFER A. NELSON
Flashlight Sports Co-Editor

It has been a fun-filled and exciting time for the MAL. Unfortunately, the organization is down to its final weeks of the season at Mansfield. A season full of laughs and smiles will turn into a memory as the campus let's out for the summer season and the team says goodbye to two of its veterans.

The MAL was able to finally play outdoors on April 12. "The weather kept us inside sadly," Paul Culbertson said.

Attendance was down but that did not stop Matt Godshall and Caleb Paladin. Godshall and Paladin put up tough efforts for the offense and defense, respectively. Paladin was able to intercept quarterback John Stanek two times during play. Godshall maintained his season's outstanding perform-

ance that appears to put him in the top running for League MVP.

The final game of this season will be played on April 26 in Belknap parking lot (The Coliseum) at 7:30 p.m. Seniors Sean Rohrbach and Paul Culbertson will say goodbye to this league, which has brought them many good times over the years. After the game, they will be inducted into the MAL Hall of Fame.

The book on Sean Rohrbach

Sean has played with the MAL since 2001. He is a versatile player who handles the wide receiver position well. His career includes over 100 receptions, 50 touchdowns and being a "really good defender." On the field, Sean was a team player and a person who enjoyed making people smile. He will graduate from Mansfield University with a degree in

Criminal Justice.

The book on Paul Culbertson

Paul has also been a member since 2001. He maintained the quarterback and wide receiver positions during his career. He has recorded over 120 career-passing touchdowns, two kickoff-return touchdowns and on a more humorous note, Paul has been the only player to "hit the light pole three times." Like Sean, Paul will be remembered for his comical demeanor on and off the field. He will graduate with a degree in Communications.

So take a break from studying and check out a good time and say goodbye to two of MAL's top performers. For more information on the MAL, visit www.mansfieldarena.com or get in touch with one of its proud members. *Fire up!*



PAUL CULBERTSON / The MAL

After almost being under wraps for close to two seasons, the word finally spread around Mansfield's campus about the popular MAL - Mansfield Arena League. The 2003 season will come to a close as the league says goodbye to two of its leading members, seniors Sean Rohrbach and Paul Culbertson.

Mounties keep on trucking

By SARAH STOERMER
Flashlight Sports Writer

As most Mansfield University students are packing their bags to head home for the summer the Mansfield track team is left behind.

However, with three meets behind them and four remaining the team is proving themselves to be strong and competitive.

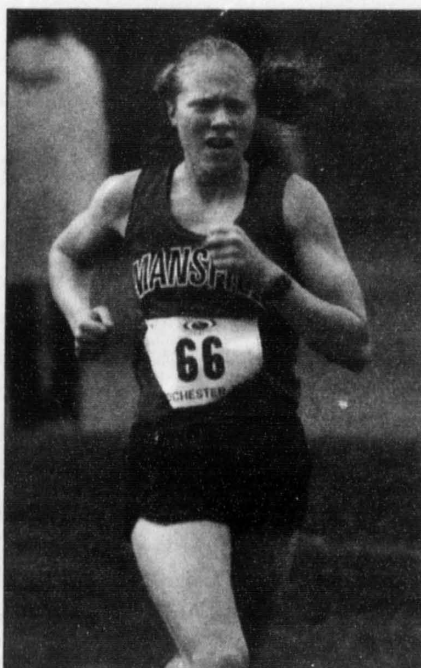
The Mansfield track team is home to some of Mansfield's most elite athletes.

"I hope at least one or two athletes make it to the NCAA Championship," said head coach Michael Rohl.

Nate Reider has already qualified for the championship, in the javelin. This makes Reider the first male in over 25 years to represent Mansfield in this event.

Reider also throws discus for Mansfield and nabbed second place for the team, with a throw of 40.15, at a meet held on, April 16.

Reider is not the only member



Sports Information

Charity Learn is looking to compete in the NCAA Championship as she dominated the PSAC this year.

of the team taking big strides towards a competitive future.

Charity Learn is a high prospect for the NCAA Championship as well. Learn made the mouths of

officials drop at last Wednesday's meet. She set a new school record in the 3,000 meters with a first place finish at the PSAC tri-meet. Learn crossed the finish line with an astonishing 10:42.34 shattering the 11:05.5 record set by Sherri Cady in 1979. Currently, Learn is going through the preparation and training necessary to compete in the Penn Relays.

Stephanie Cadwell was another female to break a record in last Wednesday's meet. Cadwell smashed the previous record in the long jump. She hit 17'6-1/2 crushing the record of 16'9'11, which was set by Alicia Davinsizer in 2000.

The girl's team has stepped up to the line this year in not only meeting but also surpassing most challenges brought to them. At this point in mid-season, the girl's team has broken five school records.

"We hope to break four or five more, over the rest of the season," said Rohl. Rohl's expecta-

tions may seem a little steep. But, this team is one of Mansfield's strongest, and this head coach's high hopes are pushing his athletes not only to excel but also believe in themselves.

"If it wasn't for my coach and his positive outlook I would feel a lot more pressure in competing and succeeding. But, he knows what he is doing so I am comfortable when it comes time to compete," said Lauren Oliveri.

Oliveri is yet another shining star on the Mansfield track team. Oliveri and Adam Staier are preparing to compete in the Junior Penn American Race walk. This makes them some of the first Mansfield University Athletes to become members of a national team. This is not just a great feat for Oliveri and Staier, but for all of Mansfield.

"I feel pretty honored since I am one of the firsts. But, I am glad that I have my teammates right there with me," said Oliveri.

As Mansfield track finishes up its



Sports Information

Adam Staier has been a key race walker for the Mountie track team this season.

season, any spectator can see the benefits of hard work and dedication. The team is strong and stable and has pushed itself into the lime-light of athletics.

The quest for Lord Stanley's Cup continues...Who is going to win it this year?!

By GREGORY PELLEGRINO
Flashlight Sports Co-Editor
COMMENTARY

It seemed like only yesterday when I heard Gary Thorne say, "The Detroit Redwings, have won the Stanley Cup."

Now the quest for one of sports most coveted trophy has begun yet again. With the first round of the 2003 playoffs almost complete, this year's quest for the 'Cup' is off to a dramatic start.

If dramatic is what you wanted for this years playoffs, dramatic is what you got. In the first round alone, there have been already seven overtime games and as of press time there are three game sevens.

With the first round pretty much over, this is what I think the future holds in this year's Stanley Cup Playoffs.

Starting out in the eastern conference, there is no doubt in my mind that the Ottawa Senators will move on past the second round no matter who they play - whether it's the Philadelphia Flyers or Toronto Maple Leafs.

The Senators have had time to rest after defeating my New York



Yahoo Sports

The Mighty Ducks of Anaheim shocked the world when they eliminated the defending Stanley Cup champions Detroit Redwings 4-0.

Islanders in five games. After being shutout 3-0 in game one, the Senators outscored the 'Isles 13-4; Patrick Lalime in goal always helps out to.

For the first time in ages, the Tampa Bay Lightning are moving on to the second round behind goalie Nikolai Khabibulin. Even with the number three seed, a lot of people were shocked Tampa Bay were able to get by Olaf 'Godzilla' Kolzig of the Capitals.

For the second round match-up, the Lightning get the luxury of facing off with the New Jersey Devils and Martin Brodeur in a series in which I see going seven games. However, I do not see the Lightning moving on to the conference finals. The Devils are too experienced and have too many weapons.

For the Eastern Conference finals, I have the Devils and Senators matched up with the Senators getting past the Devils in six.

What a way to end the year with a trip to the Stanley Cup finals. I hope the players don't plan on getting paid though for their success.

Over in the west, your guess is as good as mine. With two series entering game seven at press time, the West is up for grabs.

In the two game sevens, I see the Vancouver Canucks and Colorado Avalanche moving on to the second round, which sets up a match-up between the red hot Mighty Ducks behind their goalie

Jean-Sebastien Giguere, who shut down the Detroit Redwings in four games and the dangerous Colorado Avalanche.

Giguere vs Patrick Roy has hockey fans licking their chops. The NHL's hottest goalie vs the NHL's most experienced goalie has this second round match-up going the distance. When it's all said and done, look for the Mighty Ducks celebrating at the 'Pond.

Our next second round match-up will feature the Dallas Stars and either the Vancouver Canucks or St. Louis Blues. Either way, I see the Stars taking the series in five games. With Jason Arnott and Mike Modano, the Stars are going on to another conference final.

For the western conference finals, I have the Mighty Ducks and Dallas Stars squaring off with one another.

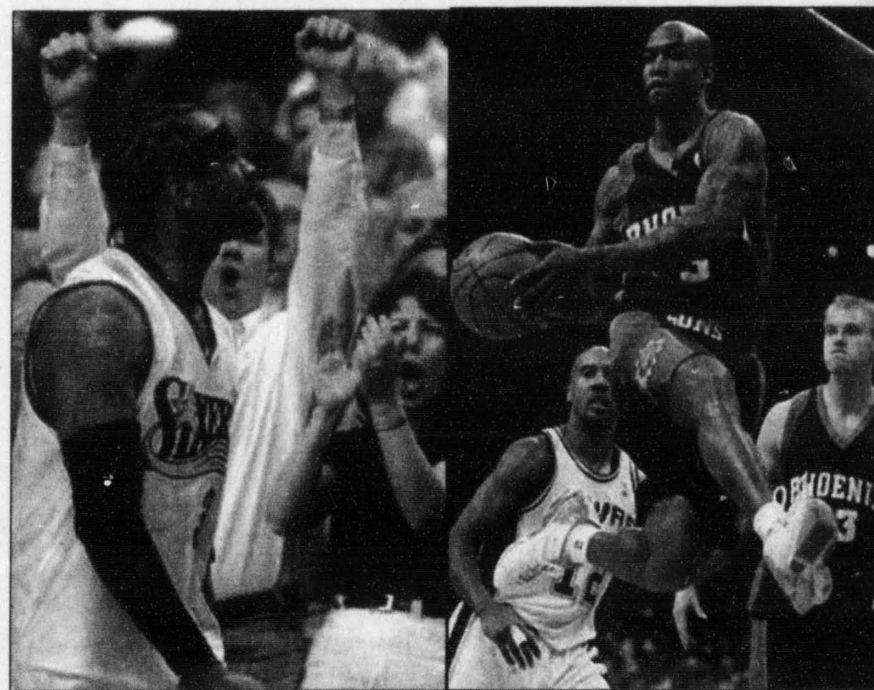
This brings the question, who is going to represent the west in the Stanley Cup finals? I'm going to go with the underdog and shock the world by saying the Ducks are going to the Cup for the first time in franchise history.

The Ottawa Senators and Anaheim Mighty Ducks will battle for the rights of sports most coveted trophy - Lord Stanley's Cup.

As much as I would like to see the city of Anaheim celebrate another championship, the Ducks will need more than a rally monkey to get by the Senators.

Come June watch for the Ottawa Senators to host and drink from the Cup.

The 2003 NBA Playoffs 'Love it live'



Yahoo Sports

Allen Iverson (left) scored 55 points in the 76ers game against the New Orleans Hornets on Sunday, April 20. Ecstatic fans were there to cheer him on during the first round of NBA playoffs. Stephon Marbury (right) put up a high-contest performance against the San Antonio Spurs on Monday, April 21. The Phoenix Suns and Spurs' series is tied at one.

Wednesday, April 23

Eastern Conference First Round, Game Two 76ers lead 1-0
New Orleans at Philadelphia 7 p.m. on TNT

Eastern Conference First Round, Game Two Magic lead 1-0
Orlando at Detroit 8 p.m. on NBA TV

Western Conference First Round, Game Two Mavericks lead 1-0
Portland at Dallas 9:30 p.m. on TNT

Thursday, April 24, 2003

Eastern Conference First Round, Game Three Tied 1-1
Indiana at Boston 6 p.m. on TNT

Eastern Conference First Round, Game Three Nets lead 1-0
New Jersey at Milwaukee 8:30 p.m. on TNT

Western Conference First Round, Game Three
Minnesota at Los Angeles 11 p.m. on TNT

Friday, April 25

Eastern Conference First Round, Game Three
Detroit at Orlando 8 p.m. on ESPN

Western Conference First Round, Game Three Tied 1-1
San Antonio at Phoenix 10 p.m. on NBA TV

Western Conference First Round, Game Three
Dallas at Portland 10:30 p.m. on ESPN



Yahoo Sports

Tampa Bay Lightning goalie Nikolai Khabibulin led the Tampa Bay Lightning past the Washington Capitals in the first round of the Stanley Cup Playoffs.

On The Sidelines...Jason Fischer

By **MICHAEL PETERS**

Flashlight Sports Writer

With only a few games left in the 2003 baseball season, the Mounties are getting ready for two things - the playoffs and saying goodbye to the many senior standouts.

Along with Craig Barkey, Aaron Kilgo, Doug Evans, Brett Brown and Jason Manwaring, the Mounties are bidding farewell to their starting second baseman and team captain Jason Fischer.

Fischer has been a big part of the Mounties' past success. He has started at second base for the past three seasons. Coming into this season, Fischer had played in 115 games and had a career batting average of .291.

He is known more for his glove. Fischer led the PSAC's with a .953 fielding percentage last season. The team captain will show what he is made of in the final few games of the season and try to lead the Mounties to the title.

Michael Peters: What is your year and major?

Jason Fischer: I am a senior business administration major.

MP: Why did you choose to go

into business administration?

JF: I took accounting in high school and I enjoyed it, so I decided to go into business.

MP: Why did you attend Mansfield University?

JF: I chose Mansfield because it's close to home, so my parents get to see all of my baseball games. I was recruited for the baseball program, which I heard was real good. My mind was made up.

MP: How long have you played baseball?

JF: I have been playing baseball since the days of t-ball when I was five-years-old. I have been playing for about 16 or 17 years.

MP: What is your favorite part of Mountie baseball?

JF: I love being on the field with my closest friends. We are like brothers out on the field. That has got to be my favorite part of Mansfield baseball.

MP: How is the teams' chemistry on the field?

JF: The chemistry is getting pretty good now. The past four games we've been coming together, and it has really paid off.

MP: What is the most important factor to winning on the field?

JF: The most important factor to winning on the field is when people come together and establish the same goals on the field. Everyone has to do their job, moving runners, pitchers getting ahead - CINergy.

MP: What is your favorite baseball team?

JF: My favorite team is probably the Atlanta Braves. I have family that lives down there and I get to see a lot of Braves baseball.

MP: Who is your favorite player of all-time and why?

JF: I don't really have a favorite player. I have a great respect any player like who plays like Ted Williams.

MP: What is more valuable, a power hitter or a gold glove infielder?

JF: I would have to say both are very important. A team needs the power hitter to drive in the runs so his team can win, but you need the gold glove infielder to stop the other team from scoring runs.

MP: Which type of baseball is used at Mansfield University, "small ball" or "power"?

JF: We are very power oriented, but we always use some elements of "small ball." I would say that we are more of a "power" team.

MP: Which of those two types of baseball do you prefer playing?

JF: I never rely on the power. If no one is on base for the homerun, the long ball won't get you anywhere. Playing little, fundamental baseball is my tradition.

MP: If not for baseball, what would you do in your free time?

JF: I probably wouldn't even be at school if it wasn't for baseball. Baseball is my life.

MP: What is your biggest regret here at Mansfield University?

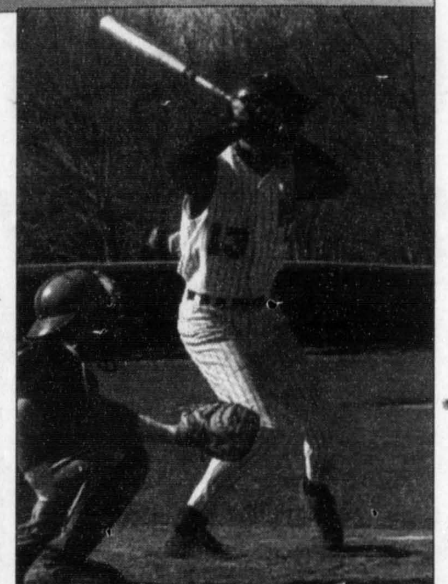
JF: I don't honestly have any regrets.

MP: Where do you see yourself in five years?

JF: In five years, I hope to have a decent paying job and begin to start a family.

MP: Is there a motto or saying that you live by?

JF: "Live life to its fullest." You never know what's going to happen tomorrow. Everything could be over



JENNIFER A. NELSON / The Flashlight
Jason Fischer is currently hitting .319 with three homeruns and 26 RBIs.

tomorrow, so you should live everyday like it's your last.

MP: What one piece of advice would you give incoming athletes of any sport?

JF: Work your hardest and always give it 110%. If you don't give it all you have, it's not worth playing a sport, you are just wasting everyone's time.

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Mansfield 8-8 in PSAC East standings

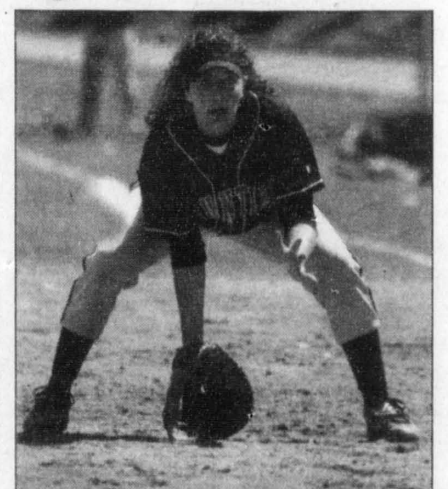
Jes Ricker, Heather Bensinger, Alison Tagliaferri and Nancy Quinn each hit home runs to lead Mansfield University to a 7-2 win over number eight ranked Bloomsburg University in the opening game of a PSAC East double-header at Jan Hutchinson Field Saturday, April 19. Bloomsburg won the nightcap 5-0.

"It's a great day anytime you beat Bloomsburg," head coach Edith Gallagher said. "But when you hit four home runs against one of the top pitchers in the country and get great pitching from a freshman - it's even a better day."

The Mountaineers power onslaught started in the second inning when freshman Nancy Quinn broke up a scoreless game with a solo home run. The shot snapped Bloomsburg's Amber Cowher's 37 inning scoreless streak.

Mansfield added another run in the third inning on a one out solo home run by Jes Ricker before Alison Tagliaferri led off the fourth with another solo shot.

After Bloomsburg scored two runs in the bottom of the fourth to close to 3-2, Heather Bensinger blasted a two-run



Sports Information

Jacklyn Laskowski helped push Mansfield ahead of Bloomsburg on April 19.

homer for a commanding lead. Mansfield would add two more runs in the top of the seventh on a two run single by Jacklyn Laskowski. Freshman Kristen Dean started and got the win, scattering four hits over four innings while striking out two. Tagliaferri came in relief in the fifth allowing just two hits with three strikeouts over the final three innings.

In the nightcap, the Mountaineers were held to just four hits - two of them by Tagliaferri.

...And it's a wrap!

A recap of Mountaineer sports from the Winter and Spring seasons

By JENNIFER A. NELSON &
GREGORY PELLEGRINO

Flashlight Sports Co-Editors
COMMENTARY*

(Gregory Pellegrino)

The season that was basketball and swimming...

It was a season of high expectations for the Mansfield University men's basketball team.

With expectations raised high, the Mounties rose to the occasion by having one their most successful years in school history.

Coach Vince Alexander and the Mounties were able to come through and make it into the PSAC playoffs against a tough PSAC East conference finishing 6-6 in conference play.

The Mounties capped off the year with an ECAC Championship

and junior Brett Longpre' was named to PSAC East 1st team, while freshman Bill McNeil was named PSAC East rookie of the year.

Things are looking up for the Mounties as they await opening tip for the 2003/04 season.

Keeping with the basketball theme, the Mansfield women's basketball team had a lot to be happy about this season. The Mounties finished with 11 wins, finished with the most PSAC victories with five since the '93/'94 season.

The Mounties also had two players in the likes of Allyson Buss and Lynelle Mosley recording the 1,000 point plateau. Along with the 1,000 point accomplishment, Mosley was also named to the PSAC East 1st team.

The Mounties, for the second straight year, had a freshman in the likes of Danna Purnell receive the PSAC East Rookie of the Year award. Last season, Alison Tagliaferri received the honor.

The Mounties finished the year off with a run for the final spot in the PSAC East playoffs, but fell short by one game.

Next season, the Mounties look to make it over that final hurdle and make it to the PSACs.

From the hardwood to the pool, the Mountie swim team have a lot to look forward to next season. This year's team had eight freshman, the most the school has seen in years.

Freshman Andrea Popovic stood out during the season as she broke a school record in her final race of the season. Also standing out was freshman Melissa Recchiuti, who showed improvement during the course of the season.

With the eight freshman having a year of experience under their belt and the return of senior Katie Houck, the Mounties should be surprising a lot of teams in the PSAC.

It has been a memorable season for winter sports; with all the personal and team accomplishments, there's a reason why Mansfield sports are on the rise.

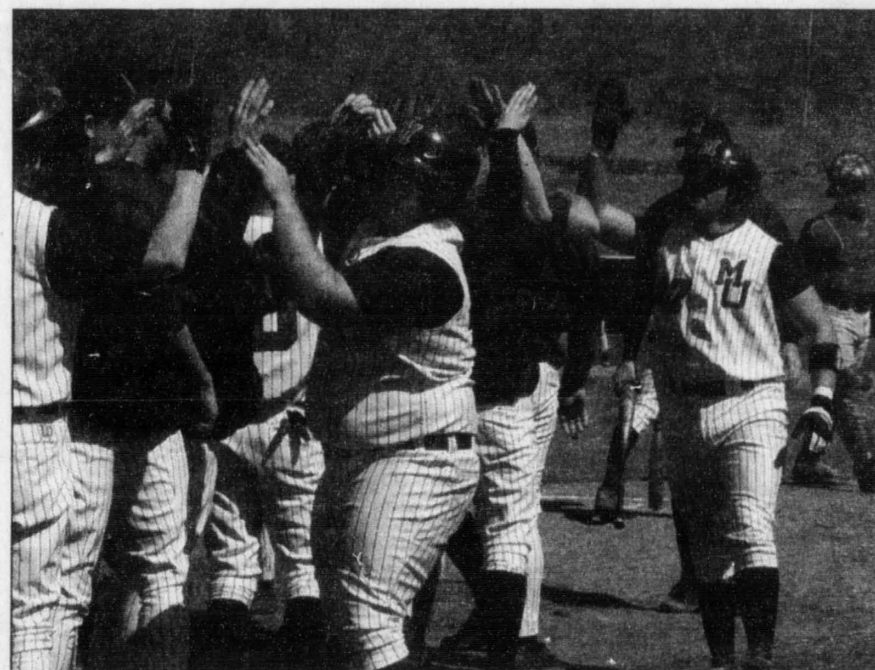
COMMENTARY

(Jennifer A. Nelson)

The season that was track, softball, and baseball...

Each semester, Mansfield sports just keep getting better and better. Some of Mansfield's athletes have worked their way back from injury to show the PSAC that competition is easy to conquer. To some, athletic skills just come naturally. In whatever way possible, Mansfield athletes have certainly impressed many along the way.

Mansfield track and field is a success story that happened almost over night. The whole team can be considered amazing runners and field experts but several have really made a name for themselves this season. Josh Wooten and Stephanie Cadwell were named as most valuable players for the winter indoor track team. Now that it is time



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Brett Brown hit a two-run homerun against East Stroudsburg on April 12. Brown remains a star player for the Mounties.

for the outdoor track and field season, these two athletes have shown great leadership skills for the team. Freshman standout Charity Learn must not be forgotten once again. She led the cross country team to places they had never seen before. Learn is truly an All-American athlete. Another track and field member who has truly broken through this season is Bryan Taylor. For the indoor team, he was named most improved athlete on the men's team. Theresa Stanford has also developed herself into a very confident and dedicated runner for the team. She has been part of several record-breaking relay teams for Mansfield. The whole team has taken chances and in return, has received big rewards.

Jacklyn Laskowski has had a big year for Mountie softball. On April 13, she was named PSAC East Player of the Week. She has aided in many of the women's wins this year with her outstanding offensive and defensive skills. On April 18, Laskowski tied the school records for homeruns with six in a season. Alison Tagliaferri, Jes Ricker and Heather Bensinger also deserve recognition. They work together as team, which is what athletes are supposed to do. Each puts up a threat as they face teams in and out of the PSAC conference. This year seems to be the year of the freshman. Kristen Dean is one such freshman who has really shined this season for Mountie softball. When called

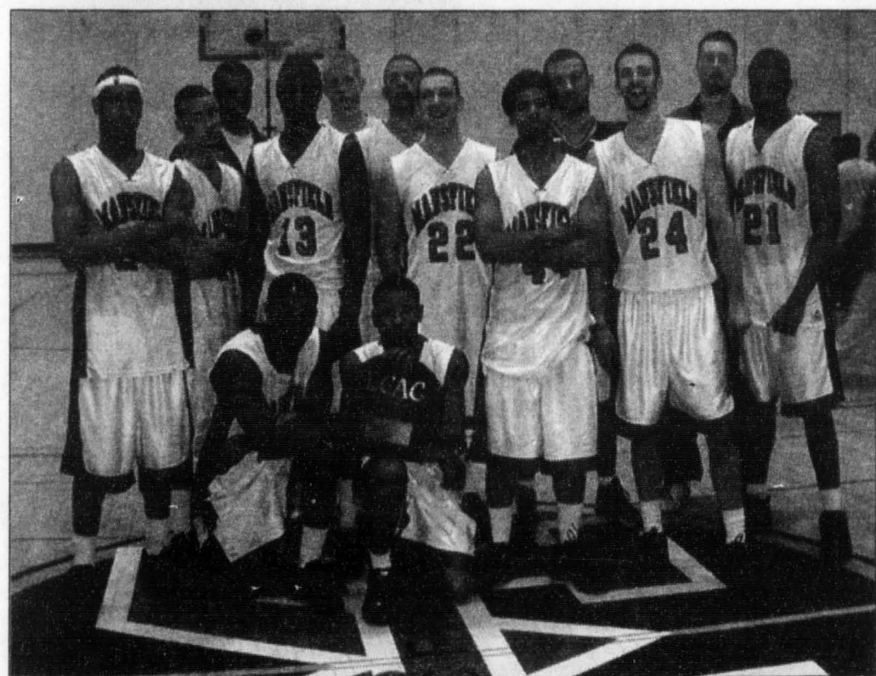
upon to start, Dean always pulls through and works hard on the mound.

If you followed Flashlight Sports for the past two baseball seasons, you would recognize my name under the headline. (Well, maybe!) This particular season was the most fun to cover. This team likes to work hard and get dirty to prove themselves in the PSAC.

Baseball has always been a prominent program at Mansfield. To this day, it continues. Many freshmen have joined the Mounties this year and have displayed their true baseball talent. Three freshmen have seen a good amount of playing time this year and will be looked upon next season.

Stuart Sumner, Matt Allegretto and Dan Yoder illustrated that being a freshman does not matter in college baseball. To them, it's all about the passion for the game. Veteran players Jason Fischer, Brett Brown, Doug Evans and Jason Manwaring continued to lead the Mounties as upperclassmen. Marty Rakaczewski has helped in pitching efforts to help Mansfield earn back their pitching status. Travis Wurster, Craig Barkey and Josh Rearick have also come through in the clutch when their team needed them.

The 2002-2003 sports season has been a very memorable and fun time for the teams and Flashlight Sports. "Have no fear, stand up and cheer. Proud to be a Mountaineer."



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Mounties keep playoff hopes alive in PSAC

By JENNIFER A. NELSON

Flashlight Sports Co-Editor

"One of the beautiful things about baseball is that every once and a while you come into a situation where you want to, and where you have to, reach down and prove something." (Nolan Ryan)

Coming into this season, Mansfield knew things would not be easy. Both offensively and defensively, the Mounties had to put extra effort into the shoes that past talent once filled. Through their ups and downs of this season, one thing remains the same for Mountaineer baseball - they know the value of teamwork. On and off the playing field, the team has stuck together through thick and thin. The spirit of baseball at this university will never die.

Getting back into PSAC action, the Mounties played host to the Warriors of East Stroudsburg in a doubleheader on April 12. Mansfield split the series winning game one 4-3 and dropping game two, 10-4.

Veteran pitcher Jeff Papi took the hill in game one for Mansfield. Papi pitched the first six innings with a total of four strikeouts. Dan Yoder later replaced him. Despite an unfortunate back injury, Yoder was able to pick up the win improving to 6-1 on the year.

Mansfield went on a hitting frenzy in the bottom of the fifth inning. Jason Manwaring slammed a double knocking in one run. He then scored on Brett Brown's bomb over left field.

The Warriors tied the game in the sixth with two runs. Brett Shockloss replaced Manwaring as a pinch runner in the bottom of the seventh. Brett Brown then singled advancing Shockloss to third. A Warriors' throwing error allowed Shockloss to cross the plate and edge Mansfield past East Stroudsburg, 4-3.

Game two did not go quite as well

for the Mounties. They combined for a total of six hits. Jason Manwaring went 2-4 on the day. Dan Yoder recorded only his second loss of the season.

The Bloomsburg Huskies traveled to Shaute Field on April 13 for their series with the Mounties. Again, Mansfield split, winning game one 6-5 and losing game two 10-2.

Game one was an exciting game for Mansfield. John Cronin started the game on the mound. Cronin threw 6.1 innings but was replaced by key reliever Marty Rakaczewski. Rakaczewski managed the win for his record.

The Huskies scored five runs in the first two innings of play. Mansfield got their party started in the third thanks to Jason Fischer. His sac fly scored the Mounties' first run. In the bottom of the fifth, they scored two more times including Doug Evans' RBI single. The bottom of the seventh proved to be a heartbreaker for Bloomsburg. Jason Manwaring led off with a single. A pitch hit Brett Brown, and D.J. Hoshauer walked to load the bases. Jason Fischer recorded an RBI off his fly ball. Aaron Kilgo



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Brett Brown aided in the Mounties' 3-2 win over Millersville on April 21.

entered the game and singled in the tying run, 5-5. The Mounties' hero of the game was Travis Wurster. He cracked an RBI single for the 6-5 win over the Huskies.

Mansfield faced defeat in game two. Matt Allegretto recorded his second loss for the Mounties despite relief efforts by Marty Rakaczewski and T.J. Dincher. Matt Kelchak picked up the win for Bloomsburg. The Huskies took a very early 7-1 lead that Mansfield could not catch up to. D.J. Hoshauer managed a solo home run, and Travis Wurster continued his heat into this game going 2-3 at the plate.

Mansfield faced the Raiders of Shippensburg University on April 15 at Fairchild Field. The Mounties were looking to sweep their season series with their PSAC rival.

In game one, the Mounties needed a lifesaver as Shippensburg defeated them 11-0. Mansfield had only five hits in that game. Jeff Papi lost his third game of the year and Zach Weaver could not manage the save.

In game two, the Mounties fought back, 4-1 over the Raiders. Dan Yoder took the hill in game two, recording his seventh win this season. Yoder started off by giving up a home run. However, Yoder did not give up any more runs in the game going all seven innings.

In the third inning, Mansfield scored most of the runs they needed to maintain the win. Jason Manwaring and Brett Brown scored for the Mounties. Matt Mills stroked an RBI single in the sixth inning; Craig Barkey led the seventh with a double and later added another run on a Raiders' wild pitch.

The Mounties continued PSAC play as they faced the Kutztown Golden Bears in a doubleheader on April 16. Unfortunately, Mansfield lost both decisions, 9-8 and 8-3.

The Golden Bears fired first in

the very beginning. They scored six runs with the help of Mark Samsell's grand slam.

Jason Manwaring and D.J. Hoshauer both led the Mounties at the plate. Manwaring hammered his fourth homerun while Hoshauer went 2-3 with three RBIs.

Kutztown led 9-4 into the bottom of the seventh. Despite Mansfield's four run attempt, they left the tying run on base.

John Cronin picked up his third loss this year. Marty Rakaczewski did his best in relief fanning three and giving up three runs.

Kasey Keenan and D.J. Hoshauer put forth an honest effort in game two for the Mounties.

Kutztown quickly went away with 6-0 lead. Keenan knocked a two RBI single to make it a 6-3 game. Hoshauer fared well at bat going 2-4. The pitching duo of starter Matt Allegretto and reliever Rob Duvall could not grab the win for Mansfield.

The Mounties packed their brooms on April 19 as they traveled to Bloomsburg University. Mansfield swept the Huskies in doubleheader action, 11-5 and 3-2.

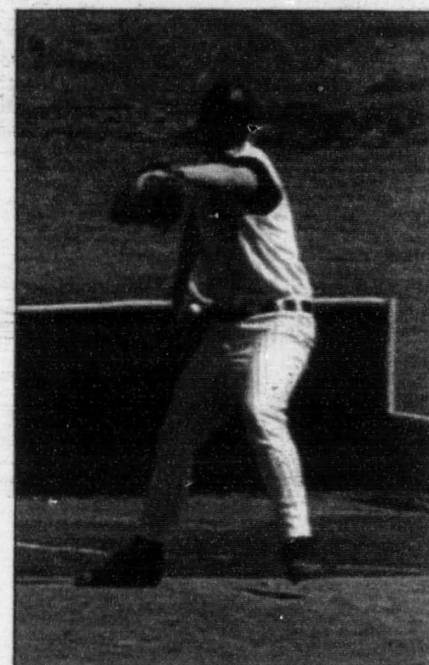
In game one, Dan Yoder remained dominant on the mound capturing win number eight for the Mounties. Yoder threw the heat to four Huskies and gave up eight hits.

Jason Fischer, Brett Brown, Craig Barkey and Jason Manwaring helped Mansfield topple Bloomsburg in game one as they scored nine runs in the fifth inning.

Game two was no different. Marty Rakaczewski and Jeff Papi each allowed just six hits for the Mounties' win. Jason Manwaring, D.J. Hoshauer and Travis Wurster were the key offensive figures in game two for Mansfield.

The Mounties of old were back to play on April 21. The Millersville Marauders traveled to Shaute Field for a doubleheader.

In game one, Brett Brown pounded a homerun in the bot-



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Dan Yoder has been an important part of the Mounties' pitching staff as a freshman.

tom of the seventh inning to help lead Mansfield to a 3-2 win over Millersville.

Jeff Papi picked up his fifth win as Brandon Klinger lost his fifth game for the Marauders. Papi struck out five and allowed just five hits. Josh Rearick was 2-4 at the plate with an RBI.

Doug Evans was the Mountie savior in game two. He juiced a grand slam in the bottom of the second as Mansfield put six runs and six hits on the board. Jason Manwaring also sliced two homeruns in game two. Marty Rakaczewski recorded the win for the Mounties as they toppled the Marauders, 17-5.

The Mounties are 23-16 overall and tied for third in the PSAC East with the Millersville Marauders. The Kutztown Golden Bears currently hold the lead in the East with an 11-3 record. Mansfield has won their past four games in a row. They will play host to West Chester at 1 p.m. on April 24 at Shaute Field.